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## **Hong Kong Taunts China** In Advancing Patten Plan

Ignoring New Threats, Colony to Send Reform Proposal to Legislature

> By Kevin Murphy: onal Herald Tribu

HONG KONG — Ignoring renewed Chinese threats, the Hong Kong government decided Tuesday to push ahead with poblical reform of the colony's electoral system.

Hong Kong's cabinet was reported by govemment radio to have agreed to present to the legislature a stripped-down version of the dem-cratic reform package proposed by Governor Chris Patten.

But a chorus of Chinese officials and Beijing-backed media warned that moves to push ahead with such a plan could scuttle future coopera-tion between the two sides.

China warned again that unilateral changes were unacceptable.

"The Chinese side will not accept any form of unilateral decision on the elections until such an agreement is in place." Zhang Junsheng, deputy director of the official Xinhua new agency's Hong Kong branch, was quoted by the agency as saying. Directors of Xinhua in Hong Kong are China's de facto diplomats there.

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China's top official responsible for Hong Kong, Lu Ping told a Beijing-backed daily newspaper, Ta Kung Pao, that any bill introduced to local legislators without Beijing's approval would bring an end to long-running talks over Hong Kong's political future.

Despite the threats, Hong Kong radio reported that the 14-member cabinet, called the Executive Council had approved plans to end the

utive Council, had approved plans to end the eight-mouth deadlock in negotiations and in-troduce the hill in the legislature, possibly as soon as next week.

Mr. Patten, who presided over the council's meeting, said he would report to the 60-seat. egislative Council on Thursday. Mr. Patten is widely expected to announce

that the government will introduce legislation covering the least controversial of his plans to broaden the voting base for future elections in

the British colony.

He first offered his proposals in October 1992. They were initially ignored, then fiercely attacked by China as contravening the spirit of earlier treaties concerning the end of British tale in 1997.

In a strategy that maked the confidence of local investors. Beging singled out British business interests while stalling essential discussions on major infrastructure projects in Hong

In April, after Mr. Patten had carried inrough on threats to list his proposals for consideration by the Legislative Council, tempers cooled and Beijing agreed to discussions

with Britain.

But apparent scant progress in 17 rounds of talks, growing community frustration with the impasse and a challenge to Mr. Patter's credibility has prompted Britain to return to the brinkmanship it first employed in April.

In the most recent rounds of talks, Britain had sought China's agreement to lower Hong Kong's voting age to 18, abolish a system by which many local municipal officials are appointed and establish a one-vote, one-seat format for future elections.

mat for future elections. On the more controversial issues - the size of various functional constituencies, electorates organized along professional and trade group lines, and the right of legislators elected in 1995 to serve past 1997 — the two sides remain far

In the absence of a scheduled continuation of the talks, the so-called "simple" reform mea-Gures have gained the support of a slim majority of the legislators.

But the United Democrats, a party that has accused Britain of not pushing hard enough for See HONG KONG, Page 6



An Israeli soldier firing on Palestinian stone-throwers while his comrades sought better positions during heavy clashes on Tuesday in the Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

## The Secret Out, Britain Is in the Mood for Peace

By John Darnton New York. Times Service

LONDON - The disclosure that the British government has carried on an indirect dialogue for months with the Irish Republican Army seems to have advanced, not derailed, the prospects for peace in Northern

Unlike the Middle East peace talks be-tween Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization; the contacts between Britain and the IRA became public before the parties had reached an agreement. They were revealed by a Protestant unionist who hoped to destroy the initiative.

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**Netherlands Expands** 

**Mercy-Killing Policy** 

THE HAGUE (AP) — The Dutch upper house approved legislation Tuesday that gives the Netherlands one of the world's most bleral enthanasia policies.

While not legalizing mercy killing, the

legislation sets a reporting requirement

and guidelines that will guarantee physi-

cians immunity from prosecution.

The practice has gained respectability in the Nethedands over the last decade.

The law stipulates that physicians must

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report the killings to authorities.

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Minister John Major railied to explain the need for keeping open a "channel of commumications" to an organization they condemn

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as "terrorist," a new mood has descended opon Parliament and the government. Downing Street officials emphasized on

Tuesday that there were many chances for things to go wrong and that actual negotia-tions on the status of Northern Ireland were a

Mixed with misgivings and suspicions on many sides, there is an almost tangible feeling

that the search for a settlement makes sense. It is almost as if ooce the secret story of the endeavor to negotiate surfaced, people began to envision ways to do it and what it would be like if it succeeded.

open and they become part of the political process," said Paul Arthur, a professor of politics at Ulster University.

"The disclosure puts positions out in the

On Tuesday, Mr. Major told Parliament that he would keep the "confidential channel of communication" open because it could play a useful part.

Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, denounced documents

doubtedly to maintain credibility with IRA fighters. But more significantly, be said he would "forgive" London and keep the diaogue going, "provided honesty replaced du-

that the government released as fakes, un-

At the same time, although there have been some acts of violence in Northern Ireland. including an attack Monday night on a policeman's house, there have been no major terrorist incidents leading to deaths for two and a half weeks. Government sources said, however, that no

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## U.S. Sends Out a Ray of Hope for GATT

By Paul F. Horvitz urfored Herold Tribane

WASHINGTON - Adding a small note of optimism to 11th-hour talks on world trade. Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, indicated Tuesday that Washington would offer unspecified trade concessions to conclude a global tariff-reduction agreement.

Mr. Kantor also welcomed as "very helpful" conciliatory comments made Monday in Paris by the French prime minister, Edouard Balla-

As Mr. Kantor prepared to depart for talks in Brussels on Wednesday with the European Community negotiator, Sir Leon Brittan, be farm subsides on French farmers. One step

refrained from expressing overt optimism about the possibility for reaching an accord in the Uruguay Round of world trade talks before the Dec. 15 deadline.

"I'm not pessimistic," he said. "We'd like in make good progress in the next 72 hours. We believe it's possible."

As he has for weeks, Mr. Kantor stressed that the Blair House agreement between the United States and the EC on agricultural subsidies would not be reopened. But be made it clear in a briefing for reporters that there was "plenty of flexibility" elsewhere in the Uruguay Round framework to help lessen the blow of reduced reportedly under consideration is an agreement

to permit a slower implementation of the cuts. Asked if the United States was willing to make any concessions to move to broad Uruguay Round agreement, Mr. Kantor did not specifically declare Washington's intentions. but be said that within certain requirements for a "good" agreement. "there is flexibility on all

This is the kind of atmosphere that negotiators in Europe and Asia bope will result in the last-minute concessions needed to secure an agreement, which will be overseen by the 115-

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## **Dozens Hurt** In Clashes Across the Gaza Strip

#### Worst Unrest in Months, Fatah Says Israeli Army Agrees to End Manhunts

By Clyde Haberman

JERUSALEM - The Gaza Strip was jolted on Tuesday by its warst violence since the September agreement signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, with a teenager killed and dozens of people wounded as Israeli soidiers fired on stone-throwing Palestinian youths.

The uncommonly high number of casualties. along with fiery roadblocks and running battles in refugee camps and towns across the strip, were reminiscent of the worst days of the Palestinian uprising, or intifuda, which many Israelis and Palestinians had believed in be behind them.

Worried about violence spinning out of control and jeopardizing continuing negotiations over the September accord, Israeli Army commanders sought to cool the simmering crisis by meeting in Gaza with local officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization's main-stream Fatah faction, which is led from Tunis by Yasser Arafal

Fatah officials said Tuesday night that the army bad agreed to call off a bunt for PLO militants, which was the immediate source of the unrest, and to thin its forces in parts of Gaza. In turn, they said, they would urge armed members of their allied Fatah Hawks group to abide by a cease-fire that has been in place since September, if not with total success.

Israeli officials did not immediately confirm the Palestinian version. Given some of their earlier statements, it seemed unlikely that they would suspend all searches for militants suspected of killing Jews, whether from the Fatah

Hawks or any other group.

Still. a scaling-back of army operations seems likely if the government intends to ease tensions that were ratcheting up for the last week and exploded on Tuesday

Reports from bospitals said that about 70 youths had been shot, mostly with plastic-coated bullets but also with regular ammunition in some cases. Most injuries were said not to be life-threatening, but some were serious, includ-ing those of a 15-year-old boy from the Shati

refugee camp who died later.

By late Tuesday night, the army had not reported his death, its count of wounded was 54, but its figures tend to be lower than the Palestinians' in such situations, and usually less

Lieutenant General Ehud Barak, the Israeli chief of staff, dismissed suggestions that the Palestinian uprising had returned in full cry. Nonetheless, the clashes that flared along the strip had the unmistakable look and feel of the days before September, when Israel and the PLO signed an agreement that was supposed to put an end to all that.

In the Khan Yunis refugee camp, some witnesses said that soldiers at one point fired at anything that moved. In the Jahaliya camp further north, Ahmed al-Azizi, 19, was seriously wounded when shot in the back with a plastic bullet. "I supported the peace deal before I was

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## IBM in Europe: **An Ideal Match** Hits the Rocks

opened in 1934, new evidence that the young International Business Machines Corp. was living up to the global pretensions of its name. For the first time, the New York-based company would manufacture outside of the United States. The product: the mechanical tabulator, IBM and Europe, it would develop, were an ideal match.

puter maker. In the last two years, as the company's operations in the United States slipped toward crisis, its \$20 billion-a-year siness operation across the Atlantic remained a star performer.

Today those days seem distant.

Marienfeld has few assembly lines today; most have been moved away in search of lower costs. The employee head count is down by hundreds. From a six-floor office at the site located just a few hundred meters from the old East German border, remaining IBM employ-ees focus on winning business in software and

DON'T CALL HIM SIR GEORGE — Barbara Bush, Queen Elizabeth II and George Bush in London on Tuesday after the former president received Britain's highest honor for a foreigner. He became an honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. In Europe today, IBM is reeling under dou-ble blows. Recession has led computer custom-ers to cancel big-ticket orders. Possibly more serious, the desktop revolution that so savaged Bush's Boys: Elections Run in the Family the mainframe-oriented company's standing in the United States is belatedly breaking out

In response, IBM has cut its payroll from about 100,000 people in 1988 to about 70,000 in 1992, including a few outright layoffs. It has closed factories, sold office space and frozen some managers' salaries. It is trying to shift away from manufacturing and toward such fields of greater return and lower competition as services and software.

"Today everyone has a sense of urgency," said Hans-Olaf Henkel, who will take over European operations in January. "We take ag-

But outside, some analysts wonder. "Their first reaction is denial," said Howard Anderson, managing director of the Yankee Group research organization. "Their second reaction is

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## At Wit's End on Economy, **Tokyo Considers Deficits**

By T.R. Reid

TOKYO — Just three years after they re-nounced Keynian economics and swore off the "drug" of deficit financing, Japan's economic strategists are once again flirting with red ink in a struggle to revive the sick economy and the

staggering stock markst.
Clearly stung by sharp criticism of their hands-off economic policy, leaders of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's government suggested Tuesday that stimulative steps are in the offing. Media reports said that the cabinet is considering a boost big enough to pull the budget into deficit — a step that had been considered taboo.

The government's apparent reversal follows a dismal month in Kabutocho, Tokyo's Wall Street, and continuing bed news in the overall economy. The Tokyo stock market has plunged some 20 percent in the last two months.

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enough to support the market for long. (Page 9)
Mr. Hosokawa's coalition government,
which won last summer's historic re-aligning election on a pledge to clean up political cor-ruption, has focused on such concerns since it took office in August. But the broad economic slump and the stock market plunge are now forcing Mr. Hosokawa to turn his attention to the economy.

praised the new cabinet's political "reform" efforts are now denouncing it just as heatedly

If Mr. Hosokawa does take on the role of economic repairman, though, his toolbox is not large. Many standard stimulative step, such as public works programs and interest-rate cuts, have already been used to little effect in Japan's hree years of recession.

The Japanese have not always been averse to deficit spending. Beginning in the late 1970s, the government ran up big annual operating deficits that have left it with a fairly befty

But in the late 1980s, with the economy blazing, the Ministry of Finance embarked on the kind of austerity program that some economists now recommend for the United States: steady tax increases, in real terms, coupled with

Columnists and analysts who have warmly

for ignoring the economy. An editorial in the Nihon Keizzi Shimbun pinned a new label on Mr. Hosokawa: "The no-policy prime minis-

An even bigger obstacle is the enormous sistance among professional budget bureau-tess to use a standard form of government ump-priming: deficit financing to pour money to the economy.

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Ordinance, a weapons factory in Saint Peters-burg, Florida, Jeb Bush talked to the employees about how he would like to abolish the Florida Department of Education and impose tougher penalties on teenagers caught with guns. Then the Republican candidate for governor asked if there were any questions.
"Yon're familiar with the Skull and Crossbones Society?" Jackie Miller, a secretary,

By Maureen Dowd

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - At a campaign stop at Olin

asked. "I mean, Skull and Bones." "Yeah, I've heard about it," he replied drily, about the Yale secret society to which both his father and grandfather belonged.

"And you're familiar with the Trilateral

Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations?" she asked.

"Yesh," the candidate said, in a weary voice. "Well, can you tell the people here what your family membership in that is?" she demanded. 'Isn't your aim to take control of the United

In its own surreal way, the moment perfectly captured the difficulties faced by Jeb Bush, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor in Florida, and his older brother, George, who is involved in the same pursuit in Texas.

Their father, George Bush, had been hit with the same wacky accusation about being "a One World tool of the Communist-Wall Street internationalist conspiracy" in his Texas Senate bid

In his autobiography, the senior Bush wryly noted that one John Birch Society pamphlet went so far as to suggest that Barbara Bush's father, the president of McCall, was publishing a Communist manifestn, Redbook Magazine.

Jeb Bush told Ms. Miller politely that any implication that his family wanted to under-

mine America's sovereignty was insulting.

There are very few people who have served this country with the honor and distinction of my Dad," he said.

As he rode afterward to another event, the tall, alim candidate observed, "As the son of a famous person, I carry the pluses and minuses

Unlike John Ellis Bush (known as Jeb), 40,

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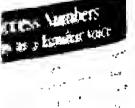
## By John Burgess Washington Past Service The factory in Berlin's Marienfeld district

In ensuing years, the company built plants across the Continent, becoming its biggest com-

gressive actions."







By Steven Erlanger

New York Times Service

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan — Most of the Russian Army may be reeling from the collapse of the Soviet Union and the blow to its professional pride, but it is boom time for Russia's 201st Motorized Rifle Division, stationed abroad in nominally independent Tajikistan.

The 201st, as a rear-echelon force in what was the Soviet Union's poorest republic, had been under strength for years by as much as 40 percent.

Today, however, it is in the midst of a large buildup, with an estimated 15,000 troops, 30 percent over strength. The great majority of these soldiers are not draftees, but volunteers on three-year en-

Third in a series

listments, and they are paid on time and extremely well. They earn the equivalent of \$109 a month, easily twice as much as their colleagues inside Russia.

The division has a lot of new trucks,

armored personnel carriers, and other equipment; plenty of weapons and ammunition, and a lake of gasoline when the country around it has almost none.

The soldiers are bere with Tajikistan's agreement, to help protect its pro-Moscow government against rebels supported by Afghanistan and Iran. Sergeant Artyom Brausov, 20, said

that be came to this dangerous place as a volunteer, for the money. "We're paid many times more than a draftee, but there are greater demands," he said. "As a tank battalion, we get a lot of field training. We're professionals; we know

The 201st finds itself in circumstances that contrast markedly to the conditions of many of the Russian troops camped out all over the unstable former empire. In other places, they have been accused of everything from political meddling and free-lance corruption to exercising a secret plan to refashion the Soviet em-

When the Soviet Union collapsed, a large part of its army was stranded out-side the boundaries of Russia, U.S. officials estimate that at least 200,000 Russian troops are still based outside Russia
— compared with 1.25 million inside —
most of them in the "near abroad," as the
Russians call the former territories of the Soviet Union. The actual numbers are

Bosnian factions were dashed

progress in the talks.

Press reported.]

changes.

In Rome it was announced that

the United States would contribute

an additional \$150 million in win-

ter aid to Bosnia, The Associated

After a day of meetings in Gene-

va, indications were that the three

Bosnian parties were raising diffi-

cult new demands and proposals

which, if accepted, would amount

to what a conference source said

amounted to "potentially radical

All sides agreed that there had

that their negotiations had resumed

and would continue after a two-

Defense Ministry spokesman said.

The most visible contrast to the boom in Tajikistan is in Latvia and Estonia. The 20,000 Russian troops who remain, burniliated by Baltic independence and the loss of empire, are being hounded as they beat a slow and grumpy retreat. Officers are doing the work of enlisted men; any transport must be approved by Baltic authorities; army apartments are being nationalized as soon as they are vacant; retired officers are being prodded to leave; and serving officers who return to Russia have little or no housing waiting for them.

If the number of troops abroad is uncertain, so is the degree of control Moscow exercises over them. As richly demonstrated during the recent political crisis in Moscow, when President Boris N. Yeltsin took on the parliament, he needs the support of the generals and is reluctant to cross them.

The defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, is regarded with only middling respect by his own officers and was criticized by Mr. Yeltsin for his lack of support during the confrontation with supporters of the hard-line parliament in October. Combined with weak central

'They don't like us here. We're outsiders. We're not only Russians, but we're Christians.'

A veteran soldier in Tajikistan

able room for both mischief and insubordination -- especially in the name of the 25 million ethnic Russians who live outside Russia but within the "near abroad." While Russian troops are supposed to be pulled back to Russia by the end of 1995, no one expects that to happen, if only because there is not enough housing for them. But the housing issue may also be an excuse. For there is a growing

conviction among military leaders, justi-

fied or not, that some larger Russian

empire will be reconstituted and that there is little point withdrawing troops

Hopes for Bosnia Talks Falter

political authority, that leaves consider-

uncertain — "not for the press to have," a and rebuilding border defenses when Defense Ministry spokesman said. they will simply he moved back again in the near future.

According to Pavel Felgengauer, a military specialist who writes for the newspaper Segodnya, General Grachev said at an internal briefing on Sept. 14 that a decision had been made not to pull back to Russia's borders, but to maintain old Soviet borders, especially in Central Asia

and the northern Caucasus. The military believes there will soon be some sort of reconstituted union," Mr. Felgengauer said. "It's not just imperial nostalgia, and it could he very danger-

Those attitudes cause considerable concern in the West over what Russia's policy really is toward the former Soviet Union. The West worries that what Russia considers "peacekeeping" in places ranging from Moldova and Georgia to Tajikistan is actually an excuse for restoring Moscow's sway - or at least its

rimacy.

If the Russian military is confused about its tasks elsewhere in the former empire, here in Talikistan, with its long mountainous borders with China and Afghanistan. Russia has defined its interests. And the military has responded eagerly to clear instructions.

The civil war continues, between a hard-line government drawn from clans traditionally favored by the Soviet Union and a battered democratic and Islamic opposition supported by Afghanistan and Iran.

Mr. Yeltsin, mindful of Russia's 20 million Muslims, has said that Tajikistan's borders "are effectively Russia's" — its main barrier against the infiltration from Afghanistan of Islamic militancy,

revolution, guns, and drugs.
One reason for "youngsters from Ryazan and Smolensk" to be fighting and dying here, Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev said recently, is to stop the spread of "Islamic extremism in Central Asia," which Moscow fears threatens to infect Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan as

In the leafy streets of Tajikistan's capital, still under a midnight-to-5 A.M. cur-few, the soldiers of the 201st, with the Russian flag on their sleeves, are everywhere, giving Dushanbe the feel of a garrison town. But local residents are glad to have them, as the country tries to recover from a civil war in which as many

Despite the fear of a catastrophe

two months until the EC brought

spokesman, John Mills, defended

the reassertion of the issue of Sara-

jevo's future status into the discus-

sions. He said the fate of the Serb-

beseiged Bosnian capital had

■ U.S. Will Give More Aid

The Clinton administration

Tuesday contributed an additional

\$150 million in winter assistance to

Bosnians but withheld any promise

of military action, The Associated

Secretary of State Warren M.

Christopher announced the aid in-

crease at a security conference of

53 European nations and said the

United States was ready to double

He said the United States also

was prepared to begin flights to Tuzla in eastern Bosnia but said

Bosnian Serbs and Croats had

made that impossible by keeping

come early to Bosnia and the hu-

manitarian crisis has deepened."

This winter the snows have

However, Mr. Christopher did

not threaten military action against the Serbs. He said in August that could be the result if relief were

A senior U.S. official said shell-

ing of Sarajevo had fallen off and "the fact is the situation has im-

proved" throughout Bosnia-Herze-

Mr. Christopher insisted that the sanctions against Serbia be main-

the airport closed.

Mr. Christopher said.

its daily relief flights to Sarajevo.

Press reported from Rome.

Meanwhile, the conference

"ft hasn't been easy in this crisis," said ...
Lieutenant Sabir Rassulov, a 26-year-old who lives here with his wife and son, "But we're doing what we've been taught, trying to keep the peace." The 130,000 ru-bles (\$109) a month he carns as a professional is a big salary compared with the 22,000 (\$19) carned by Private Batyr Rakhimov, a 22-year-old local draftee. who is glad to get it.

"The situation isn't really calm," said Sergeant Denis Sannikov, 20, a three-

Confusion about military aims stems from the lack of strong lines of authority.

year contract soldier earning 100,000 m-bles a month. "There are a lot of mood swings here," he said carefully. "It might

explode at any moment."

Andrei Kulikov, a private, earns neariy as much as the sergeants do. "I might sign up again." he said. "The pay is good, and in serving my country." Which country? He looked at his questioner with incom-prehension, then said: "Russia, of

course." Despite Tajikistan's formal independence, in fact it is now a client state of Russia. Moscow currently pays 70 per-cent of the Tajik national budget, Rus-sian officials and senior Western diplomats say, 25 percent more than it used to pay when Tajikistan was part of the Soviet Union.

"We constantly feel the care and attention of Moscow and of the defense minister personally," the new commander of the 201st, Colonel Viktor Timofeyev, a Taiikistan-born Russian, said, "We don't feel estranged in any way."

The longer some soldiers are here, and the closer they are stationed to the Afghan border, however, the harder it can seem. A major in the Border Guards, who has been in Tajikistan for five years, mostly in the Pamir Mountains, did not want to give his name. "They don't like us here," he said. "We're outsiders. We're not only Russians, but we're Christians." The confusion about military aims elsewhere in the near abroad stems from the lack of the strong lines of anthority

the old Soviet Union. "The effort to build a civilian-led Defense Ministry has failed miserably," said a general and deputy director of the Insti-

Sergei Rogov, a military specialist, son of tute of U.S.A. and Canada; a Moscow research institute. "For this I blame Yeltsin, who believes that letting the military do what it wants is safer politically, so the army is uncoupled from the weak Russian state.

"Does the Russian government antho rize General Lebed in Moldova to do this or that?" he asked, referring to Lieutenant General Alexander Lebed, the com-mander of the 14th Army in Moldova, who has meddled in that former Soviet republic's politics. "Who controls the nerals in Abkhazia? Why reform when they can avoid it? The major impulse of the military is to resist change, as the bureaucracy does. But the military has a

Foreign Ministry officials - wichuding Mr. Kozyrev - complain that too often it is the military that is making foreign policy, especially in the near abroad The armed forces have a foreign policy

of their own," Mr. Kozyrev said recently. But viewed as a whole, there is little coherence to a dangerous, transitional picture. Russian forces are regarded as saviors in Tajikistan, revanchists in Moldova, occupiers in the Baltics, and inter-ventionists and hars in Georgia.

Some troops are stranded time-servers despised by the locals and merely waiting for Russia to build them an apartment in which to live so they can go home. Some, as in Ukraine, have thrown their fortunes in with a new state, at least for now.

Some, as in Moldova, have propped up a separatist, Communist pseudo-state as a way to preserve or enhance their status as local masters. In Georgia, Russian troops intervened on the side of rebel teed cease-fire, and then intervened again on Tbilisi's side once Georgia agreed to join the Commonwealth of Independent States and legalized the presence of Russian troops and bases.

In the North Caucasus, some simply sit and wait for Russia to figure out what to do with them, while engaging in various kinds of business, including selling their own weapons or deserting to light as mercenaries in local conflicts.

#### WORLD BRIEFS

Ukraine Wants Atom-Arm Payments

KIEV (Renters) - President Leonid M. Kravchuk, facing U.S. discontent over his arms policy, said Tuesday that Ukraine saw former Soviet nuclear weapons as "material wealth" and had every right to compensa-

tion for giving them up.

"We do not view nuclear weapons as weapons but as material wealth and we demand compensation for them," he told a conference of legislators from Black Sea nations. "We believe this is a normal demand," he said. "Any other country in our position would do the same."

Mr. Kravchuk made his comments a day after President Bill Clinton corressed "unhappiness" with the Ukrainian parliament's conditional radification this month of the START-1 arms pact. Parliament said the 1991 treaty applied to only 42 percent of the more than 1,600 strategic warheads in Ukraine.

Ex-KGB Chief Alleges NATO Scheme

MOSCOW (AFP) - The former head of the Soviet KGB testified Inesday that he and 13 other top Soviet officials attempted a coup d'état in August 1991 to thwart plans by Western governments to impoverish and dominate the Soviet Union.

Vladimir A. Kryuchkov, 69, said he had received reports that NATO states had divided the Soviet Union into "spheres of influence" should it collapse and that the West planned to reduce the Soviet population from about 280 million to 150 million within 30 years.

He was the first alleged plotter of the aborted coup to testify in the trial that opened last April. Mr. Kryuchkov and the other defendants are charged with conspiracy to seize power, a charge that carries the death penalty. He added that intelligence reports channeled to him outlined plans for Western countries to exploit natural resources in the Soviet Union for their own ends.

2 Kurdish Groups Banned in France

PARIS (Reuters) — France, in a joint crackdown with Germany, banned two Kurdish groups on Tuesday that it said were front organizations for the separatist Kurdish Workers Party.

Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said the government had dissolved the Kurdistan Committee and the Federation of Kurdistan Cultural Associations and Patriotic Workers. He said the groups were the legal front of the Kurdish Workers Party which in France, as in other European countries, carries out terrorist or criminal actions which we

Bonn Warns Far-Right Civil Servants

BONN (Combined Dispatches) - The government threatened Tuesday to dismiss soldiers, mail carriers and other civil servants who belong to the radical-right Republican Party.

News reports have linked some members of the party to violent neo-Nazi groups. The ministry said that if suspicions hardened that the Republicans were involved in illegal deeds, civil servants who did political work for the party could lose their jobs. Burghard Schmanck, a teacher at a high school near Dortmund who founded an association of Republican civil servants, said many government workers had been signing up. He did not provide precise figures.

(AP, AFP)

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### L.A. Issues Ultimatum to Airlines

WASHINGTON (LAT) — Officials at Los Angeles International Airport have notified airlines that those refusing to pay increased landing fees will be prevented from using the airport starting at midnight Friday. Passengers, however, are being told by the airlines that they expect to resolve the issue without disrupting service.

The Airport Commission and the City Council have tripled the fees charged for landing at the airport, and 75 airlines that account for 90 percent of the flights at the airport have refused to pay the higher charges. os Angeles city officials and airline representatives have agreed to meet The city has insisted the airlines pay the full fee, even if under proje

The fees were raised from 51 cents per 1,000 small (450 kilosom); \$1.56 per 1,000 pounds, or the equivalent of \$900 for a Boeing 747. Et major airports charge higher landing fees: La Guardia (\$3.50) a-Kennedy (\$2.40), both in New York; Newark (\$2.37); Seattle (\$2.0) Chicago's O'Hare (\$1.89); Denver (\$1.76); Dallas (\$1.75); and Bost

Britain plans to tax departing strine passengers next year. Airports will charge £5 (\$7.50) a ticket to depart for points in Britain and the European Community. Travelers will pay £10 when they take off to other countries. The tax takes effect in October.

Sanena, me Regian auffase, has amounted plans to operate a joint flight with Delta Air Lines between Brussels and New York. Under the accord Delta will acquire a block of seats on Sabena's daily flight between New York and Brussels starting Jan. 16 if the plan is approved. (UPI)

A young robber shot a Dallas man in the face in Miami when he and his be wife stopped at a filling station in their rental car on the way to the Miami per airport, the police said. James Laterre was listed in good condition at a local hospital. He said a boy who looked "about 13" opened the car door. the boy shot Mr. Latorre and escaped.

Travelers to Italy with disabilities can get help from the Italian State Railways. The free services, first offered in 25 stations in 1989 and now available in 126 stations, include assistance in getting on and off trains, purchasing tickets and making reservations at the stations. (NYT)

#### GAZA: Dozens Injured in Clashes

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shot today," he said later at a bospital. "The way I saw the soldiers

shooting, I can never believe the Israelis want peace." The latest troubles in Gaza have

tah Hawks, who Israel says number several dozen. Fatah supporters were angered by capture of their leader on Monday and the killing on Sunday of a member side had seen a support of their leader on the support of their leader on the support of the sup

ber who had recently renounced the use of weapons and who army officers now say was gunned down inadvertently while he stood with a
group of other Fatah Hawks.

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directions in the morning by 20-kilometer lines of trucks that kilometer lines of trucks that stretched from south of Lille as far as Bapaume, northern France.

Most of the accidents occurred at slow speeds, and there were few reports of injuries. (AFP, Reuters)

To Fatah supporters, the Israelis' rain of Israelis' related by the supporters of classing of Fatah Hawks is a violation of cease-fire understandings and a provocative last-minute hunt before the scheduled start of a "war of nerves" intended to influence the outcome of talks now under way in Cairo.

anger raises questions about whether their leaders can hold them in check. Israeli military and political

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leaders deny having targeted mili-tants allied with the PLO or having their roots in the army's pursuit of randomly thrown out a net in the armed militants from various hope of catching whomever they groups, including those of the Facan before they start pulling back for the planned start of Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and the West

But the Israelis also insist that they are not about to stop tracking down Palestinians with "bloody hands." In that vein, they rejected

spond to the atmosphere in both London and Dublin and even to

Saturday, the Irish Times pub-lished a survey showing that for the first time a slight majority in Ireland favored changing a constitu- by defensively admitting to the se-

Conservative and Labor parties, The pragmatism of Mr. Major with only 18 percent holding that and Mr. Adams seems to corre-

> In Northern Ireland, with the months seemed curiously muted.

The British government began caught dissembling about the contacts, having insisted that nothing

Monday, speaker after speaker rose to proclaim the need to end the 25year conflict.

Snow and icy rain caused traffic jams Tuesday in Brussels and on roads leading out of the capital.

**Icy Conditions Snarl Europe Traffic** 

Now the question is how far the moderate Unionists can go down the path toward negotiations. Are tional claim upon the territory of Northern Ireland into something more vague, an "aspiration to Irish more vague, an appiration to Irish fact that Mr. Major was obviously future talks at a more critical time?

Another question is how much In Britain, according to a poll of the sort was going on, suddenly compromise Mr. Major is willing to published three weeks ago in The seemed less important than the fact Wiesel to Meet Attali (No Problem!) By Barry James PARIS - His accusation of plagiarism still

stands, but Elie Wiesel said Tuesday he was ready to meet Jacques Attali, the downfallen international banker, in Paris in two weeks. The Nobel-laureate author said in a telephone interview from Boston that he had not retracted his accusation that Mr. Attali lifted conversations he had with President François Mitterrand and in-cluded them in his book, "Verbatim," earlier this

The Brussels airport was also

closed on Tuesday due to heavy

snow and icy weather, a spokes-

woman for the national airline Sa-

bena said. She said snow had fallen

on top of ice on runways, making landings and takeoffs dangerous.

The main north-south Al ex-

pressway in France was cut in both

Nevertheless, he said he would be prepared to meet Mr. Attali at a meeting of the Universal Academy of Cultures in Paris on Dec. 16 and 17. Mr. Wiesel is president of the academy and Mr. Attali, a former close aide of Mr. Mitterrand's, is

one of its members. "I did not want to practice any exclusion." Mr. Wiesel said. At the same time, he added, he did not wish to be involved in an "undignified" dispute

He said Mr. Attali had not explained why he used the supposedly private conversations, to which he had access as a presidential adviser.

Mr. Wiesel still plans to include the conversa-tions in a book he is writing. But he said that their prior publication had doubtlessly damaged the prospects of his manuscript, a joint project with Mr. Mitterrand.

"It hurts our project, but we will continue," he said, adding that he had had several subsequent conversations with the president. Mr. Attali, who was forced to resign in June as

resident of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development amid heavy criticism of his performance, described "Verbatim" as a day-byday account of what he heard as Mr. Mitterrand's closest adviser between 1981 and 1986. He acknowledged later that he had incorporated discussions between the president and Mr. Wiesel in his book as though they were conversations he had

Although Mr. Wiesel's Paris publisher talked last summer of taking legal action, it has not yet

Mr. Wiesel says Mr. Mitterrand supports his position that Mr. Attali should excise the 40 passages he is alleged to have plagianized, and apolo-

#### As Factions Trade Accusations By David B. Ottaway there would still be a "union" of After the Bosnian Croats and Washington Post Service three ethnically based republics. Serbs had agreed to the plan, the He said that a what ap-Bosnian government turned it be a declining interest in down at the last moment, demand-GENEVA - Hopes for a breakthrough in talks among the three

Tuesday as the Bosnian Serbs and Croats accused the Muslim-led their separate ways. government of raising unacceptable new demands. A Bosnian spokesman, in turn, charged that the Bosnian Serbs, acting with the consent of the two international mediators. Lord Owen and Thorvaid Stonenberg,

and Mr. Stoltenberg.
While Mr. Milosevic said negotihad reopened the old issue of the future status of Sarajevo, which all sides had agreed to discuss only after a settlement The spokesman, Mohammed Sacirbey, said that the Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, had

"The splitting of Croatian na-tional territory is not acceptable," vo," a move he described as "unfortunately, shameful and counterproductive" to any prospect for

only delayed the talks but led them backwards," he said.

In September, the three sides came close to signing an agreement that included a detailed plan giving the proposed Muslim-based repubbeen no progress beyond the fact lie access to the Adriatic and the use of leased lacilities at the Cro-

even a loose union it was possible ing 3 to 4 percent more land for a Muslim-dominated republic. the three factions would simply go Both President Slobodan Miloin Bosnia this winter, there had been no further talks over the past

sevic of Serbia and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, who held two separate meetings on the three Bosnian factions back toside, left for bome, leaving the three gether on Monday. Bosnian faction leaders to continue meir negodadous with Lord Owen

ations had been "constructive," Mr. Tudiman attacked the Bosnian government for demanding not always been regarded as an "essen-only access but "sovereignty" over tial issue." a strip of Croatia's coast on the

The Muslim demand had "not

Later, Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic of Bosnia made it clear that his Muslim-led government indeed wanted sovereignty over at least "a few kilometers" of the Croatian coast, arguing that Bosnia had been a maritime state "over 1,000 years and it shall continue to be a mari-

atian port of Pioce. It also provided for the partition of Bosnia into three ethnically based republics

The conference source said that loosely bound together. it was no longer even clear whether



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#### with the backlog. tained until negotiations produced Air traffic gradually resumed at Lille airport was closed. IRA: Disclosure of Talks Advances Prospects for Peace

Dozens of minor road crashes

Polls suggest significant swings

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private assurances of a cease-fire had been given.

Guardian, support for insisting that be was groping for some way to make progress.

In the House of Commons on

Computed by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — Freezing rain forced airports later in the day after the closure of Paris's two airports on Tuesday and turned roads into skating rinks around the capital.

Orly and Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airports later in the day after ground crews struggled to clear runways hindered by continuing rain that froze as it hit the ground.

Dozens of minor road crashes "As soon as we de-ice the planes, were reported in northern France, the rain freezes them up again," an

lands, where canals and rivers Incoming flights to Paris were at froze. One man died in the Nether- first diverted to Frankfurt, Amster-

ands after falling through thin ice. dam, Brussels, Loudon and provin-Rain that fell on frozen road sur- cial airports in France, but later

faces in Paris left a treacherous began to land in Paris. Delays were layer of ice and trucks and cars expected for outgoing flights as the careered into each other, blocking two Paris airports tried to catch up

Belgium and southwestern Nether- airport spokesman said

The largest party in Northern some extent in Belfast. A surge of Protestant majority largely fearful Ireland favoring continued union violence in October, which was about loosening ties with Britain, with Britain, the Ulster Unionist touched off by an IRA bombing the attitudes are more complicated. Party, led by James Molyneaux, and retaliatory assassinations by But even there, where the greatest held its fire. Mr. Molyneaux struck Protestant militants and resulted in nightmare is that the British gov- up an alliance with Mr. Major in 27 deaths, set off a wave of revul- errument will strike a bargain with July, when his party's nine votes sion that revived interest in peace. the IRA and leave, the reaction to were needed to pass the Treaty on the disclosure that the government European Union. He has since enand the IRA had sent scores of joyed a leverage that such a small in public attitudes. In Dublin on tmessages back and forth for 10 party could only dream about.

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## **Inside: Drive to Aid Homeless** Outside: Vagrant Dies in Sleep

By Jason DeParle

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Inside the headquarters of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary Henry G. Cisneros was The Same Life reminding a meeting of subordinates that reducing homelessness was his agency's top goal.
Outside, 10 stories below, the po-

lice were carting away the body of a homeless woman who had died overnight at the bus stop across the

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A dead homeless person at the doorstep of the nation's top offi-cials on homelessness: There are people who would see that as a metaphor for the government's failures, and Mr. Cisneros is among

The death Monday of the woman coincided with a battle with White House budget officials over the secretary's desire to double the housing agency's annual budget on programs for the homeless, to \$1.5 billion.

"You could describe me as a secretary who's shamelessly describing the death of this woman while talking about budget increases," he said in an interview later, "but I'm told there were homeless people outside who knelt in prayer at this woman's body. So when I raise my voice in search of funds, I know I'm not alone."

Democrats last year were scath-ing in their depiction of President George Bush as out of touch with America's grim realities, and Mr. Cisneros has gone as far as spend-ing the night in a homeless shelter in New York to show he was not. But on Monday he needed no field trip to grasp the harshness of city streets. Word of the death traveled through the department as fast as

Outside, little could be learned

about the woman who had died on a bench, beneath a blanket, sur-rounded by shopping bags and car-rying medication. Quintin Peterson, a public information officer at the Police Department, described the woman only as "a person with no fixed address" who seemed to have died of natural causes. An autopsy will be performed, the po-lice said.

Sharon Maeda, a deputy assis-tant secretary for public affairs, said she frequently passed the woman near a subway stop and chatted with her outside the HUD building.

"She was very polite and did not show the outward signs of being mentally ill or being on drugs or anything like that," said Ms. Maeda, who added that she had encouraged the woman to enter a shelter earlier this fall. "I told her it wasn't safe for her to be out alone as a woman. She said, well, she knew that, but she said she could take care of herself." The woman was identified by the

police as Yetta M. Adams, 43, known around the area as Brenda. Another HUD employee, gazing out a headquarters window on Monday afternoon, grew sardonic counting seven police cars, five transit authority cars, two police motorcycles, a fire truck and an ambulance at the death scene.

"It's just strange to see how beforehand," she said.

The vendors who line the side"I don't think we have the right
He acknowledged that some of
his advisers bad recommended supervisor stopped at the bus stop shelter and tried to shake her

Kim Tien, who runs a hot dog stand nearby, said the woman bad been carrying four shopping bags of belongings and wearing a money belt with bills, change and half a dozen vials of the medication.

Antonio Johnson, 37, paused from a day labor job distributing handbills to add to the street-cor ner culogy. He said that the vials were for blood pressure medication and that the woman had no history of the mental illnesses that can drive people to the streets. Mr. Johnson said the area, filled

mostly with government buildings, sandwiched between a rail line and an Interstate highway, was popular with homeless people because of its safety. He said that Brenda even used to sleep on the grates there with a 3-year-old son, Darnell, although no on could confirm that

The city has been closing some of its shelters, and many homeless people say the remaining ones are too dangerous to enter.

There is no way to know how many homeless people die m a year

or how many die of exposure, as opposed to disease. But winter deaths of street people are a common occurrence in many cines, and advocates have even appeared be-fore Congress carrying their cre-with Salman Rushdie, President mated remains.

But on Monday, HUD officials sounded every bit as angry and past decade.

say she had been lying under a blanket throughout the early morning as commuters streamed past. I come a south streamed past lessness programs. "This nation has been condemned as blasphe-finally, about 9 A.M., a city transit has not remedied the situation in mous throughout the Islamic more than a decade. If this is allowed to go on, more and more people will die."



With James Brady at his side, Mr. Clinton signed the gun bill at the White House, requiring a background check and a waiting period.

## Clinton 'Meant No Disrespect' to Muslims

By Douglas Jehl

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Apparently in an attempt to calm the fury Bill Clinton said Tuesday that he "meant no disrespect" to the Muslim world and emphasized that be many resources a person gets after impatient as the advocates who had spent only "a couple of min-they die — not a fraction of that have attacked the agency over the utes" with the author at the White House,

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of who was appearing at a joint news

Mr. Rushdie, which the Iranian religious leadership has refused to lift since the ayatollah's death.

In an angry response in the White House meeting, the bead of Iran's judiciary, Ayatollah Mohammed Yazdi, labeled Mr. Clinton "the most hated man before all the Muslims of the world."

But even secular Muslims in Middle Eastern countries, including leaders of the New Wafd Party in Egypt, have described the meeting as an insult to Islam at a time when the Middle East peace pro-

cess has reached a crucial juncture. In publicly describing his conversation with Mr. Rushdie for the After its publication in 1989, first time on Tuesday, Mr. Clinton.

leaders, would not say who among his foreign policy advisers bad regarded the meeting as too risky. But administration officials said curity adviser. later that opposition had come

from Middle East experts at the State Department, Mr. Chining said be bad met with

those with whom we may intensely derstood," he said, "I believe I

made the right decision." Mr. Rushdie, who has lived a Ayatollah Khomeini, met for more said.

"deaf-mute" (say that an individual cannot | defendant apparently held Miss Kaplan, 28,

as the dog attacked.

on urban policy.

W. Anthony Lake, the national se-Mr. Clinton nodded somberly

meeting had prompted, and said: "To be frank, there was some divi-Mr. Rushdie to "reaffirm our com- sion among our people about mitment to protecting the physical whether I should see Mr. Rushdie well-being and the right to speak of when he was here."

"I hope that I will not be misun- decades to learn more about the Islamic world. "I respect the religion and I re-

spect the culture enormously, so I mostly underground existence mean no disrespect to the people since being condemned to death by who have that religious faith," he

The dog, kept alive as evidence during the

When Mayor David N. Dinkins of New

York leaves office in January, be will become

a professor at Columbia University's School

of International and Public Affairs, lecturing

The university did not disclose his salary. It

will be supplemented by his annual pension of about \$70,000 for his quarter-century in

city and state jobs. As mayor, Mr. Dinkins,

trial, must be destroyed because it was in-

volved in a fatal attack on a human.

Iran issued a death warrant against conference with Central American than an hour during his visit on Nov. 24 with Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and with Reagan was shot in 1981. when asked about the criticism the

use their current screening methods and waiting periods once the new federal law is in place. But the change in federal gun laws will require states with less stringent restrictions to move quickly to put But he portrayed himself as one into place the five-day waiting periwho bad sought for more than two od and background check required under the Brady bill.

The legislation, the most far-

Although the laws can do nothing to surp illegal street sales of weapons, in Virginia and Florida instant background checks have helped the authorities screen out prohibited individuals as well as

Since 1991, Florida officials say their telephone check system and three-day waiting period bave stopped 658 people wanted on felony crimes from buying handguns, shotguns and rifles. Virginia, which uses a telephone check system to screen prospective buyers, reports 330 such thwarted sales during the

66, made \$130,000.

"I will be happy in answer to the name of Professor Dinkins," he said. "It has a nice

For years, Jennings and Mitzi Osborne of Little Rock, Arkansas, bave caused traffic jams in front of their home with huge Christmas displays that twinkle with I.6 million lights. Their neighbors have sued, demanding that they pull the plug The Osbornes, who own a medical testing laboratory, started their show in 1986. They baven't disclosed their electric hill, but one year they blew a transformer and blacked out part of their affluent neighborhood.

The judge who is trying the case admon-ished all parties to "recognize the spirit of the season" and "keep tempers under control."

Arthur Higbee

#### **Strict Laws Foiled Sales** Of Guns to **Thousands** By Pierre Thomas

Washington Post Service ... WASHINGTON — States with waiting periods and background checks for handgun purchases simi-lar to those in the Brady gun-control bill have stopped tens of thousands of felons and other prohibited individuals from huying weapons through gun dealers, a random survey of states shows.

Since 1989, computerized background checks or similar waiting period programs in California, Florida, Virginia and Maryland have blocked more than 47,000 attempted purchases hy persons who at the time were banned from buving firearms. The states are among at least 25 that now have some restrictions on handgun purchases similar to those included in the Brady bill, which President Bill Clinton signed into law on Tuesday. It is named for James S. Brady, the press secretary who was wounded when President Ronald States with laws more stringent

than the Brady bill can continue to

reaching U.S. gun control measure enected in at least a decade, will take effect in 90 days. The bill provides \$200 million to help states update and computerize their criminal records so gun dealers can conduct instant background checks.

bundreds of fugitives wanted on other crimes.

same period. "In the long debate about Brady.

the focus was always on the waiting period," said a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms spokesman. Jack Killorin. "The key bas always been the background check. The law may have more impact than people think." lu California, 21,168 sales have

been blocked since 1989 under the state's 15-day waiting period. Virginia has blocked 5,879 and Maryland 3,647 during the same period. Florida since 1991 has stopped

Federal and state gun laws gen-erally preclude firearm purchases by convicted felons, some people who have committed misdemeanors and those deemed by a court to be mentally incompetent.

#### A New Effort to Find AIDS Drugs

WASHINGTON -- The Clinton administration is recruiting AIDS experts from government, in-dustry and academia for a new effort to speed the discovery of drugs to stop the epidemic, which is killing an average of 92 people a day in the United

"It is time to refocus and re-energize our best minds for a concerted attack on this killer," Secre-tary of Health and Human Services Donna E. Shalala said Tuesday in amouncing a National Task Force on AIDS Drug Development.

She previled the initiative at the National Institntes of Health on the eve of World AIDS Day, which is Wednesday.

Dr. Philip R. Lee, assistant secretary for health

and head of the Public Health Service, is to lead the 15-member panel. The task force will include members from AIDS-affected communities as well as researchers, whom Ms. Shalala will select later. "This represents unprecedented high-level collaboration among leaders in the field," she said in a

The task force will have "a clear and critical mission: to identify and remove any barriers or obstacles to developing effective treatment," Ms. Shalala said.

#### Sayings and Loan Nominee Quits

WASHINGTON - Citing an anonymous death threat and opposition from a key senator, President Bill Clinton's choice to head the savings and loan cleanup withdrew Tuesday from consid-

The nominee, a Florida real estate executive, Stanley G. Tate, ended his four-month struggle to win Senate confirmation as president of Resolution Trust Corp.

At a news conference, he said he had sent Mr. Clinton a letter on Tuesday asking that his nomination be withdrawn. He said he had made the decision after it became apparent that Senator Donald W. Riegle Jr., Democrat of Michigan and chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, would refuse to hold a nomination hearing.

"I have absolutely no knowledge or information as to why Schator Riegle will not meet with me, or why he obviously does not want me to become the chief executive officer of the agency, Mr. Tate said in his seven-page letter to the president.

In the letter, Mr. Tate complained of anonymons attacks from Resolution Trust employees reported by news organizations, and he said he had received two threatening telephone calls. In the said, "Tell Tate he is dead."

#### Quote / Unquote

James S. Brady, the former White House press secretary who has been confined to a wheelchair since he was scrionsly injured in the assassination attempt against President Ronald Reagan in 1981, as President Clinton signed the gun-control bill that carries his name: "Twelve years ago, my life was changed forever by a disturbed young man with a gun. Until that time, I had not thought about gun control or the need for gun control. Maybe if I had done so, I wouldn't be stuck with these damn wheels."

## **AMERICAN**

## **TOPICS**

#### Some Words Are Off Limits, Newspaper Decrees (Suggests)

The term "WASP," for white Anglo-Saxon Protestant, is now officially forbidden at the Los Angeles Times (may be pejorative, the Times cautions). So is "co-ed" (considered derogatory to female college students). And "Dutch treat" is out (an offensive reference to sharing expenses).

Also barred are "mailman" (many women hold this job), and "mankind" (humanity. human beings and humankind are preferred). So say the new Guidelines on Ethnic, Ra-

by a 22-member committee and issued by the editor, Shelby Coffey 3d. Howard Kurtz of The Washington Post reports that some staff members see much of the 19-page booklet as a parody of political correctness. "It's boncheaded," one said. Added anoth-

er: "I'm appalled that a newspaper would draw up a word list that is taboo." "This is not about polifical correctness," Deputy Managing Editor Terry Schwadron said. "It's about being accurate and being fair."

One Times writer, Scott Harris, noted that the Times had banned the use of "deaf" and

Deafness told him that deaf is "the preferred term." And a Netherlands diplomat said be wasn't offended by "Dutch treat."

Short Takes New York City police officers responding to emergencies no longer need reach for their hats but can leave them in the car. Commis-sioner Raymond W. Kelly has ruled. Officers are still expected to wear the dark blue, eightpoint cap while on foot patrol to enhance

their look of authority. And they must wear

the hats in situations that demand quick

But the Greater Los Angeles Council on

identification such as in crowds or on traffic But a policeman need not worry any longer about responding to an urgent, life-threatening situation, only to have a supervisor penalvacation days because of a bare head.

Commissioner Kelly also decided that policemen no longer have to wear stiff, highgloss shoes on details where they have to stand for a prolonged stretch.

Jeffrey Mann of Cleveland was convicted of murder and sentenced to 15 years to life in prison for ordering his 70-pound (32-kilogram) pit bull dog to attack his companion, Angela Kaplan, who bled to death after suf-fering more than 100 bites.

Prosecutors said evidence showed that the

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#### Mexico's Election Aim: A Seamless Transition governing party at the National Manuel Camacho Solis, the 47- strategy, its operative idea is that Autonomous University of Mexic year-old mayor of Mexico City, change in Mexican politics should party's continued power; Mexico By Tim Golden

New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY - In choosing Luis Donaldo Colosio Murrieta as the governing party's candidate to succeed him, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari has sought an achievement that has eluded many Mexican leaders before him: to ensure the continuation of his policies long after he leaves office.

sidered scriously for the candidacy, · the differences of economic orientation and political ideology were far more shallow than those weighed by most Mexican presi-dents in the past.

All of the contenders were senior officials in their early to mid-40s, American-trained students of eco-

Musical transcriptions of Mexico's labyrinthine politics. All of them professed a deep faith in Mr. Salinas's vision of a new Mexico. Yet even in a relatively homogeneous group and even m a ritual selection process that upholds loyity to the incumbent as its essential rule, the 43-year-old Mr. Colosio, until Monday the secretary of social development, stood out for his unself-conscious devotion to

"Among the main contenders, he is the closest friend, the disciple He is the one who at least most clearly promises to continue the Salinas legacy."

It is a deep tradition in Mexican politics to hail the king while seek-

NEWS ANALYSIS Among the four men whom Mr. Salinas was believed to have con-

ing office and turn from him upon And it is to be expected that Mr. Colosio will take office. Since 1929, no presidential candidate of his In-

stitutional Revolutionary Party or its precursor has ever come close to losing an election. For the moment, opinion polls suggest that Mr. Colosio, a Sono-ran, is a man whom his rivals on the

mightily to beat. But Mr. Colosio's identification with his political mentor tran-scends the fact that he oversaw the president's buge and cherished anti-poverty agency, the National Solidarity Program, that he some-times mimics the incumbent's speaking style, or that be began on Monday to surround himself with

key strategists of Salinas's econom-

seemed to question that commit-ment when he abruptly resigned his post on Monday afternoon, saying where the Solidarity program has pointedly: "Democracy in Mexico

should continue to advance." and deepen the country's economie

candidates," Ernesto Zedilio Ponce de Leon, 41, a former budget secretary and central bank official, was left and the right, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas and Diego Fernandez de Cevallos, will have to struggle mightly to best

Despite his public commitment to economic and political reforms, Mr. Colosio seemed to many observers to offer nothing so concrete. Yet almost from the beginning of his political career, Mr. Colosio has pursued a strategy for the transformanon of Mexican society that is perhaps the most amhitions of Mr. Salinas's goals and the least ful-

As senior officials describe the

#### Mr. Colosio's closest competitor, **Away From Politics**

starting a blaze that destroyed 118 homes in the post Alfadena area. Andres Huang, 35, faces a maximum of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. At least 34 boys were sexually abused by a dozen Roman Catholic priests over decades, a panel organized by the Franciscan order concluded in Coleta Callfornia. The abuse went on from 1964 to 1987 at St. Anthony's Seminary.

industry spends on comparable environmental projects, officials said.

• Countdown began in Cape Canaveral, Florida, for the mission to fix the Hubble Space Telescope. Forecasters gave only a 30 percent chance of favorable weather conditions for the scheduled 4:57 A.M. launching

was quietly but clearly inclined to center on the rebuilding of the defollow Mr. Salinas's economic crepit, 64-year-old governing party. changes with a conclusive move toward greater democracy. Mr. Colo-ian labor and peasant confederasio has promised further democrat- tions that were its pillars in the ic reforms, but Mr. Camacho past the party would work to draw

been active. As the government becomes The man generally seen to have more accountable to Mexican vot-run third for the job, Finance Sec-ers and the governing party's popu-really knows the person who he

hesitancy about embracing the vision as his own.

retary Pedro Aspe Armella, 43, em-bodied a commitment to continue and deepen the country's economie move toward more equitable electoral competition without risking The dark horse of the four 'preandidates,' Ernesto Zedillo Ponce In this formulation, such stabilthe closest that Salinas could ity is equated with the governing come."

which one party remains predomi-In accepting the formal nomination of the party on Sunday night, however, Mr. Colosio showed no

"I belong to the generation of change, the generation headed by Carlos Salinas de Gortari," he said. "If history teaches us any lesson

chooses," one of Mexico's leading historians, Lorenzo Meyer, said Monday asternoon. "We cannot be sure if Colosio will be the continua-

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No Problem

the president's plans. "Colosio grew ap politically un-der Salinas's wing," said Luis Ja-vier Garrido, an expert on Mexico's

> An Americk passenger train from Tampa to New York slasmed into a tractor-trailer stalled at a railroad crossing near Orlando, Florida, and derailed, injuring at least 45 people.
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> • The U.S. Energy Department is paying the contractors it hires to clean up pollution at nuclear weapons sites a third more on average than private industry spends on comparable environmental A houseless launigrant who made a fire to keep warm pleaded no contest in a Los Angeles court to

Dr. Jack Keverkian was ordered jailed in Royal Oak, Michigan, on a charge that he aided the suicide of a 72-year-old woman.

AP, NYT

#### A Mixed Nuclear Cast

Again an American administration is nuclear club, and some countries have aban-weighing Pakistan's membership in the nucle-doned their nuclear ambitions voluntarily ar club. More concerned by an existential nuclear threat from India than by the hardship of a U.S. aid cutoff, Pakistan predictably built a countering nuclear capability. Now the Clinton team, while saying it intends to hang tough on Pakistan, wants to withdraw the law that forced it to cut off the aid (the Pressler amendment). It proposes a new law that would still impose sanctions on bomb-building states but would leave execution, including a possible waiver, in executive hands. It is more than a turf tussie. The Pressier amendment failed in Pakistan, but softening it conveys the symbolie message that the United States does not

care enough about new bombs. The way out lies in grasping why Pressler failed. It was a narrow political fix for a broad security problem. To remove Pakistan's strategic equalizer without seeing that Pakistanis had equivalent security was a doomed effort. It put Washington in the awkward position of applying leverage to a friendly country — leverage reinforcing Pakistan's bomb-building judgment that Americans could not be relied on. And how would Pakistan get security equivalent to that ostensibly bestowed by a bomb? Either by an American guarantee or. more likely in the new age, by moving toward political accord with its threatening oeighbor.

This is not, as it may at first sound, just some wildly impractical hope. In fact there are multiple doors from as well as to the new

doned their nuclear ambitions voluntarily -South Africa, Canada, Argentina, Brazil. With security guarantees, Washington in-duced Japan, South Korea and Taiwan to back off. And President Bill Clinton has been urging Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk to do something similar. With conventional strikes. Israel and then the United States spoiled Iraq's bid.

Nuclear weapons states Israel, India and Pakistan, all with plausible security anxieties, profess to be prepared to conduct a discreet nuclear policy and even to reduce their nuclear works if those anxieties are effectively ad-dressed. The rest of the world does not like seeing their fingers on a trigger, but rightly worries more about weapons to the hands of outlaw states North Korea, Iran, Iraq and Libya. North Korea is the tough case. It must be asked whether a fanatic regime devoted first to its own survival can be deterred and at some early point drawn toward a responsible policy by diplomatic means, or whether it will become necessary to go to a higher range of pressures and risks to contain an imminent danger.

That is both the question and the choice facing the Clinton administration, and there is not a lot of time in which to deal with it. North Korea should be made to understand that in an important sense the choice is its to make, and that stalling around while going forward with its ouclear program is not one of the options. — THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Time for Plain Speaking

Judging from secret messages made public on Monday, the British government has no reason to apologize for exploring a peace overture from the outlawed Irish Republican Army. But Prime Minister John Major blundered gratuitously by denying that such contacts had taken place. Now there is a cloud of confusion over what was apparently a sensible effort to end the violence in British-ruled Northern Ireland.

In recent years, it has been the policy of British governments to shun any contacts with the IRA until it convincingly disavows violence. A startled Parliament and public now learn that Mr. Major's senior aides were secretly engaged to talks that conflicted with the declared policy. However defensible the purpose, the past denials left the country unprepared for a 180-degree turn in British policy.

If details divulged on Monday tell the

whole story, then Mr. Major has a good chance to contain the damage. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the secretary of state for Northern Ireland, is not known for deviousness. By his account, the British government to February received the first of a series of written and oral messages from the IRA signaling a serious readiness for a cease-fire. In the secretary's words: "The government had a duty to respond to that message. Peace properly attained is a prize worth risks."

The government's published response can-not reasonably be faulted. Sir Patrick May-new insisted on private assurances that the violence had been brought to an end, reiterating that any political objective had to be

parties would have a voice. Whether peace on these terms would be possible with the IRA is open to argument, but undeniably there can be no peace without engaging its leaders. The problem was less substance than the pretense that the widely rumored talks had

not taken place. No doubt Mr. Major's political vulnerabilioes led him to say that meeting face to face with the IRA would "turn my stomach." His Conservative Party relies on the parliamentary votes of nine members from Northern Ireland committed to permaoent union with Britain. Although the Reverend Ian Paisley, speaking for the North's hard-line Protestants, assailed Mr. Major as a liar, the calmer response of the mainstream Unionists bodes well for the prime minister,

and the peace initiative.

Notwithstanding Mr. Major's stomach, previous prime ministers, both Conservative and Labor, have treated with the IRA. There were contacts in 1972 and 1975, which proved fruitless. As the bloodletting has continued, and as Protestant extremists have joined to the killings, the yearning for peace has grown stronger. New paths have been opened in Dublin, where the Irish government proposes removing clauses to the Irish constitution that are anathema to the North's Protestants.

Mr. Major has with some courage made peace in Northern Ireland a priority. But he has to bring the British people and their Parliament along, and that will require plain speaking without even a hint of duplicity.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Volkswagen's Short Week

ducer, will now shift its employees to a fourday week to share the work and avoid layoffs. The alternative, it said, was to fire ocarly a third of its workers. The idea of sharing work has developed great appeal in Western Europe, where the unemployment rate is approaching 12 percent (it is 6.8 percent in the United States). Politicians throughout Europe have scized the idea of a four-day week as a device to hold down layoffs in the midst of a bad recession. Because Volkswagen's largest shareholder is the government of the German state of Lower Saxony, the company is more sensi-tive to political and social opinion than most

But work-sharing is a dubious remedy, for reasons that Volkswagen involuntarily illustrates. It is in trouble and needs to take drastie action. It will lose more than \$1 billion this year. Two major reasons are its wages, which are very high in relation to its competitors'. particularly those in America and Japan, and its labor productivity, which is low. Under the new arrangement the workweek will be cut by 20 percent - to four days of seven hours and 12 minutes each — but, according to their union, employees' annual earnings will decline by only about 10 percent. The effect will be a further increase in hourly labor costs that

Volkswagen, the German automobile pro-It is important to distinguish two different kinds of reasons for cutting working hours. As a society gets richer, people will reasonably demand more leisure time as well as higher pay. That is good. In the United States, the consensus swung to a five-day week in the years immediately after World War II, and it is likely that at some time there will be a similar movement to a four-day week. In the meantime, employers are learning that there are large benefits both to themselves and to their workers in providing flexible schedules or shorter hours to workers who need them, as do many in a generation to which the twoincome family has become normal.

Sbortening hours to spread work is a different matter. As in the Volkswagen case, it usually drives up costs, oot only because of the structure of fringe benefits but through the expense of training and equipping workers.
Where unemployment is aggravated by unusually high wages and inflexible labor markets, as in Germany, work-sharing becomes dangerous. Io this good-hearted attempt to avoid layoffs and social disruption, Volkswagen is increasing the competitive disadvantage that got it toto trouble in the first place.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Other Comment

Russia and the Arms Market

Boris Yeltsin has stated his objective of maintaining Russia as a large supplier on the international arms market. Although understandable for its commercial importance, especially in a time of crisis when Russia's exporting capacity is weakening, the plan has dangerous aspects.

Arms sales should not be undertaken with-

out extreme caution and without closely fol-

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lowing political, international and local circumstances, which such sales can alter.

Precautions are needed so that these objects of death do not, as they so often do, fall into the hands of terrorist groups, drug traffickers, common criminals or followers of the thousands of extremist groups that convulse the planet. There are many responsibilities here.

lf oeither Russia nor Mr. Yeltsin honors them, they will not be able to plead ignorance. - La Nación (Buenos Aires).



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## There Is Too Much Plutonium Already

WASHINGTON — Gram for gram, there is nothing more dangerous than plutonium. It can fuel nuclear reactors or nuclear weapons. Reprocessing (it is not found in nature) is there-fore the crucial crossover point between electric-

ity production and weapons programs.

For years, only the supposed unsuitability of reactor-grade plutonium for weapons use kept a thin wall between the two. Now that has crum-bled. There is no remaining technical doubt that

Proliferation does not happen one country at a time. Japan's plutonium plans reverberate throughout Asia. Britain's decision will affect Russia's.

reactor-grade plutonium makes a perfectly good bomb. The problems it creates for weapons de-

signers can all be overcome.

A stockpile of plutonium for civilian use one day is a weapons stockpile the next, the only difference being an alteration of intent by the government that owns it.

The two kinds of plutonium are equally tough to dispose of. One ten-thousandth of a gram is a human cancer dose. Less than nine kilograms makes a ouclear weapon. It is a terrorist's dream.

Every disposal option — including blasting it into space or dumping it in reactors — has a political, technical, environmental or economic Achilles' heel. The dearth of good choices is such that The Carlo of the control of t that Thomas Cochran, a longtime arms controller, suggests, tongue in cheek, that the best alternative may be to put the stuff back toto nuclear weapons. What all this means is that efforts to stem the threat of nuclear proliferation must deal equally vigorously with both weapons-grade and reactor-grade plutonium. And although the Clinton adBy Jessica Mathews

ministration is doing everything it can to reduce the risks from the flow of plutonium from dis-mantled nuclear weapons (about 135 metric tons in the next 20 years), it is ignoring the flood that will come from civilian reprocessing — twice as much in the same period.

Washington plans to spend heavily to secure and buy back plotonium from Soviet weapons. ft has proposed an international ban on new production for weapons use. Both are sensible steps.

Neither can be reconciled with the choice to remain silent on an impending decision by Britain to turn on its new reprocessing plant.

The Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant, or THORP, was launched 17 years ago, when many believed that a world shortage would send uranimate a series at 150 years ago. um prices above \$400 per kilogram, forcing a shift to phitomium reactor fuel. Today a kilo of uranium costs in the neighborhood of \$20, and the end of the Cold War has turned plutonium from a security asset into a burden.

With the plant completed and the world transformed, Britain faces an unappetizing choice. It already has 36 metric tons of plutonium that it does not know what to do with, while bureaucratic momentum drives the project ahead.

THORP's economic prospects are dim. Foreign contracts will sustain it through 10 years, but there is little expectation of operating beyond that. The security implications are enormous. The plant's primary customer, Japan, intends to accumulate a plutonium stockpile of several tens of tons in a shift to plutonium reactor fuel. This makes so little economic sense that Tokyo's

continuing nonnuclear status is to doubt. China, South Korea and Taiwan nervously watch, and make their own plans. So does North Korea. Even the Indian-Pakistani nuclear confrontation is affected, because it cannot be re-solved until India feels more comfortable about

vastly more difficult to persuade Russia to shut down its unsafe reprocessing. (Wastes being reprocessed exploded at Tomsk last year.) Russia does not yet see plutonium as a liability. A new British commitment to reprocessing would

Think Now

**About GIs** 

On Golan

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — For four excel-lent reasons this is the time for Americans and Israelis to start talk

ing in their own countries about whether American troops should be

The first reason is that quiet under-

standing already exists within the

American and Israeli governments

that if Syria and Israel reach a peace

agreement, U.S. troops are likely to

be called upon to take up peacekeep-

ing positions on the Golan.
Until Israel captured them in the war of 1967, the heights were used by Syrian gunners to fire down into Israeli villages. American as well as

Israeli generals bave said for decades that the beights were critical to Israeli

security. But the present Israeli government feels that a full peace with

Syria, including strong military mon-itoring, would be worth the risk of

giving up the Golan.
The second reason is that Ameri-

can and Israeli officials say that

discussion is premature. Nobody

knows when a Syrian-Israeli agree-ment will be reached. But both coun-

tries know how to operate in secret;

tries know how to operate in secret; could be anytime or no time.

For officials, "premature" generally means that they have not had time to cook the deal. But when any arrangement involves the likely use of U.S. troops, premature is the exact time to look into the oven.

Three: The decision will affect America's international stance on when to accept and when to reject

when to accept and when to reject

military responsibilities, the long-range safety of Israel and the rela-

tions of U.S. administrations with Israel and Arab nations, all these

make them targets for every terrorist gang in the Middle East. Nobody

can protect troops on foreign station

from all danger; it is demeaning to them to pretend otherwise. But after

the slaughter of American marines

in Lebanon, Americans would be

careless fools not to get some an-

swers. Will the troops be sufficiently armed, with weapons and with intel-

parades scheduled?

ligence? When are the bornecoming

a military necessity. President

George Bush put Iraq to Congress and won public support. I think the Clinton people have learned from the

inheritances of Bosnia, Haiti and So-

malia the importance of clear ad-

vance briefing of the public.
The United States broached the

idea of Americans on the Golan

when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

visited Kennebunkport, Maine, af-

ter his election last year. Publicly

Mr. Rabin does not commit himself,

but members of his cabinet talk en-

12. Bob Schieffer of CBS put the

question straight to Secretary of State Warren Christopher: Do you recognize that U.S. troops on the

Golan might have to be part of any

thusiastically of the idea.
On "Face the Nation" on Sept. ...

things well into the 21st century.

The fourth reason: Positioning
American troops on the Golan will

stationed on the Golan Heights.

set back that vital transition. With so much riding on the decision, the United States has been inexplicably passive. The Clinton administration explains that although it does not encourage civilian reprocessing, it will not try to influence Britain or Japan because both have good nonproliferation credentials.

Whether or not the latter can be taken for granted, the larger error is the underlying assumption that proliferation happens one country at a time. Japan's pinnonium plans reverberate throughout Asia. Britain's decision will affect Russials. And the last thing the world needs is additional tons of plutonium that must be safeguarded so tightly that not even a few kilograms are lost to terrorists or to outlaw governments.

There is a way out that would save face for all concerned, while signaling that reprocessing can no longer be considered safe, sane or necessary. THORP's foreign contracts require it to receive spent fuel and return photonium and wastes. Britain can do both without ever turning on the least it can be only store its customing. ing on the plant, ft can simply store its customers' spent fuel and send back plutonium and

wastes from its own supply.

True, this puts plutonium into international commerce, but it has the great advantage of not

adding a gram to the global supply.

Instead of sitting on the sidelines, America should recognize that its silence on reprocessing amounts to facit encouragement and undermines the very goals on which it rightly spends so much effort in Russia, Ukraine, Iran, Iraq, North Korea and every other nuclear danger zone.

The writer is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. She contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

## Wake Up, West: Russians' Patience Needs Reward

By Gary Hart

China's nuclear intentions,

N EW YORK — The natural reluctance of American firms to consider markets in Russia and the other former Soviet republics must be overcome if democracy's tenuous prospects in the region are to improve. It s too much to assume that Russia and its neighbors can go it alone.
It is equally true that the West

collectively can provide goods, fertilizer and tools to create a nursery of democracy and markets, but not the will and the energy that must come from the Russian people. Thus emerged the idea of a partner-

ship, and thus the theme of an important conference sponsored last month by the Clinton administration and leaders of Congress from both parties. Under the auspices of the U.S. Information Agency, the gathering to St. Louis brought together business lead-

ers, government officials, academics veterans of East-West trade from the United States and the former Soviet republics. They discussed invest-ment needs and priorities, some startling business opportunities, and means to break down remaining Cold War barriers, prejudices and fears.

Any American businessperson with even the faintest entrepreneurial spirit has to appreciate the enormous opportunities represented by a mar-ket of 250 million to 300 million people who need everything, and with skilled workers and vast raw materials to offer in trade.

Attention was paid in St. Louis to the recent violent clash between followers of the Russian president and of the former leaders of parliament. ft was not the sort of event to increase iness confidence. But, as with the 1991 coup attempt, sophisticated observers were impressed more by what did not happen than by what did: clashes were limited to a few city blocks in Moscow, there was no public uprising; the endlessly patient Russian citizens doggedly pursued

their daily routines. Conferences are no substitute for action, but they can offer mileposts to measure progress. In its professed conceru for the success of Russian demo-cracy, the Bush administration never convened a St. Louis-type conference, nor did key congressional leaders speak out to urge private investment in the homeland of this former foe and

More wars have been fought against. Great Russia than it has fought against others. None, save perhaps the Great Patriotic War," challenged "Great Patriotic War," challenged Russia's fortified more than did Na-poleon's march on Moscow in 1812. General Mikhail Knurzov is the unsung hero of Tolstoy's epic of that era, "War and Peace." The general's ap-peal for courage to his fearful countrymen reverberates today: "Time and patience, patience and time."

Patience the Russians demonstrate daily. It is time that they are running out of. And we must help.

In a democracy, time to talk through and think through any com-mitment of troops publicly is almost The writer, a former U.S. senator and candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, is a partner in the law firm of Coudert Brothers. He contributed this comment to the

remain dormant until needed. This

potential threat of nationalization

## South Africa's Newly Free Will Have to Be Patient

PALM SPRINGS, California — Black South Africans have a dream - of a lifestyle at least matching that of whites, as a result of economic and political equality. The dream is of course perfectly un-derstandable after the long oppressive years that blacks have spent

observing whites material rewards, from the shadows. The dream of prosperity can co true. It must come true, if bloodshed and untold hardship for black and white alike are to be prevented. But it will be neither easy nor quick.

Access to prosperity will be through elections scheduled for next April - although there have been indications that they could be held as late as August. Blacks can and should win those elections by virtue of their sheer numbers.

The government estimated to August that 87 percent of South Africa's population already had the identification documents required for voting. The black population numbers 34 million; whites are slightly over 5 million.

After the elections, blacks will have political power, but economic power will still be in the hands of whites. Many blacks look for their piece of the pie through redistribution of white wealth. Yet in a free market economy wealth can be accumulated fairly only if political stability exists,

D HAKA, Bangladesh — At a rally at the National Mosque here in the capital of Bangladesh, a crowd of 10,000 Muslim fundamen-

talists has called for my death. The group that initiated the fatwa, or death sentence, the Council of Sol-

diers of Islam, has been joined by other fundamentalist groups de-manding that the government ban my books and put "blasphemers" like me to death.

My most recent book, "Lajja" "Shame"), was about a Hindo

family persecuted to Bangladesh af-

ter the destruction of the Ayodhya mosque in India to December 1992.

government prosecute

In India, fundamentalist Hindus

killed innocent Muslims, in Paki-

stan and Bangladesh, fundamental-

ist Muslims persecuted Hindus and burned their temples.

This summer, after 50,000 copies

of the novel had been sold, the

government banned it, under pres-

sure from the fundamentalists, say-

ing it was "creating misunderstand-

Everywhere I look I see women being mistreated, and their oppres-

sion justified in the name of reli-

gion. Is it not my moral responsibil-

Some men would keep women in

ing between communities."

ity to protest?

But I will not be silenced.

Why doesn't the

these fanatics?

and then only by individual endeavor. And if the endeavors of individual blacks are to succeed, there needs to be affirmative action in the economic sector. That clearly indicates the necessity of a large, socially responsible

The African National Congress bright economic future. ly laid to rest the idea of nationalization, generally hinting that if it should occur at all, only mines and

Condemned to Death in Bangladesh

By Taslima Nasrin

chains -veiled, illiterate and in the

kitchen. There are 60 million wom-

en in my country; not more than 15 percent of them can read and write. How can Bangladesh become a

modern country and find its place

to the world when it is dragged

backward by reactionary attitudes toward half its people?

It is my conviction that politics cannot be based on religion if our women are to be free. Bangladesh

must become a modern secular state; family laws based on Islamic

principles should be replaced by a

uniform code ensuring the equal

gious courts and their fatwas. But they are ignored. This year, in the

village of Chatakchara, a young woman was stoned to death on or-

ders from a local court because she

had married again after a divorce. In the village of Kalikapur, mul-

lahs accused another young woman

of fornication and sentenced ber to

a public flogging with 101 lashes of a proom. She died soon after, alleg-

There are other such cases, girls

from poor families in isolated areas,

illegally sentenced by extremist in-

For speaking out against such crimes, I, too, have been con-

Why does the government not

prosecute the fanatics who insti-tute these fatwas? Many believe it

terpreters of Islamic law.

The country has laws against reli-

rights of women.

edly a spicide.

demned to death.

other land would be exempt.

ow over South Africa's chances for a

ANC wants South Africa to have, as Germany does, a nationalization clause in its constitution that would

is because the administration has

come in power with the help of fundamentalists.

passport in January; when I tried to get it back, they said I could not have it because I write against re-

ligion. In September, when the

newspapers reported that funda-mentalists had put a price on my head, I had to go to court and sue

to get police protection. (The re-ward of about \$1,200 has appar-ently been rescinded, but the fatwa

Is our prime minister, Khalida Zia, afraid to stand up to the funda-

mentalists? Does she not see that by

placating them, she allows them to

grow stronger, and the time will

come when they turn upon her, too?

Bangladesh is my motherland. We gained our independence from

Pakistan at the sacrifice of 30 mil-

lion lives. That sacrifice will be be-

trayed if we allow ourselves to be

dominated by religious extremism. Bangladesh should stand for won-

en's equality, and harmony be-

tween people of different faiths.

The mullahs who would murder

me will kill everything progressive

to Bangladesh if they are allowed to

prevail. It is my doty to try to pro-

tect my beautiful country from

them. I call on all those who share

my values to help me defend my

rights. By doing so, they will help save Bangladesh.

The writer, a novelist, newspaper

commist and poet, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

The authorities confiscated my



By Robert H. Phinny banks would be targets. Farms and .

should be brought out of the closet and eliminated if the South African Now it has appeared that the possi-bility nevertheless does remain that private property might be national-ized. That prospect casts a dark shadeconomy is to flourish.

And flourish it must. Economic growth is the key to South Africa's future. This requires capitalism and a degree of authoritarianism during the establishment of multiracial deracy and the e first shoots of renewed growth, ft

will be a tough row to hoe. Although the economy is now flat, many conditions exist that form a base for uplift.

Inflation rates are working their way down. The International Mone-tary Fund shows new attentiveness. The number of foreign trade delega-tions showing interest in South Afri-ca continues to increase. With the end of severe drought, farm output has increased. A "forum process" system has been established whereby the state, workers and the private sector decide on macro-policy issues. All these indicators have led to a renewed confidence that will give impetus to the cause.

The greatest danger in this whole picture may be black South Africans' expectations of quick economic parity with whites. Therein lies a crucial challenge for the coming black-controlled government. Will it be able to persuade the citizens of South Africa that patience is required to make the dream of equality come true?

The writer, a specialist in southern African affairs and a former U.S. ambassador, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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Syrian-fisraeli agreement? The answer: "Absolotely."

The advantage for Israel is the belp of a friendly country in monitoring Syrian military moves that could violate the peace. For the United States: trying to keep peace in a part of the world important to America and showing that America has not developed an automatic tic against foreign

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military commitments.

The issue is not yet a hot item in Congress, it will be. But Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York brings up this thought: If a future American president decides that keeping troops on Middle East duty is no longer in American interests, how will Israeli security stand then? And Representative Jon Kyl, a Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee, raises problems that could squeeze both

countries. For instance: Israeli military credibility hangs on its own strength and judgment; Israel's most potent weapon sometimes has been preemptive action to case of expected enemy attack. With U.S. troops on Golan duty, Syria could consider itself protected from preemption. Washington would either have to block Israeli preemption or be seen as part of it.

Right now, putting American forces on the Golan strikes me as too dangerous to the long run for the United States and Israel. But for once we may have time to think, talk and even change our minds — if public, press, Congress and the president open the oven now.

The New York Times.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Execution in Paris

PARIS — Kūntz, a young man known as the "murderer of rue Berthe," will be no more by the time the Herald reader unfolds his paper this morning [Dec. 1]. Küntz was condemned to death for the murder of an old woman. He went up to herapartment with the object of robbing her, but, on her offering resistance, he attacked her with the first weapon that came to his hand. The weapon was the bone of a leg of mutton.

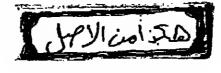
1918: Thankful Troops

LUXEMBOURG - Thanksgiving Day [Nov. 28] on the German border among the American troops was quite different from toasting one's toes before the home fireside after a buge turkey dinner. Five American soldiers who had escaped from the German prison camp at Rastatt by bribing their guards enjoyed a unique Thanksgiving. The feast was spread by Y.M.C.A. secretaries on an impro-

vised table mid-way across the Rhine, on a bridge ocar Mezz. Half of the party occupied chairs on the German side and half on the French side, while there were German guards on one side and French on the other.

#### 1943: Cairo War Talks

WASHINGTON - From our New York edition: A momentous conference, presumably dealing with the war against Japan, has been completed in Cairo by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Gen-eralissimo Chiang Kai-shek, it be-came known tonight [Nov. 30], and the three men are now reported en route to an unknown destination for a session with Premier Stalin to plan new onslaughts against Germany.
The talks in Egypt —one of them was held in a tent in the shadow of the Pyramids, and an onlooker, if not an active participant, was Madam Chiang Kai-shek — were undoubtedly limited to discussion of the campaign against Japan.



#### OPINION

## All the Money and Goodwill Won't End Bosnia's Agony

By William Shawcross

SARAJEVO — In a road tunnel un-der a hill high in Sarajevo, one lane is filled with gleaming new machinery. Workmen swarm about; jackhammers pound away. George Soros strains to hear as Bosnian and American engineers explain how water will soon be pumped from the river, through this new purifying plant and into the town's water mains. Men, women and children walk by, carrying containers for water. The need for the new system is clear.

Mr. Soros is stopped by a man representing the neighborhood. "We are hurrying because we expect winter very soon," he says. He presents Mr. Soros, one of the richest men in the world, with a bronze artillery shell case into which a traditional Bosnian pattern has been carved. He says he wants to thank Mr. Soros for all he has done for the city. Mr. Soros takes the shell case with a rather wry smile and a small, courteous bow; he accepts an invitation to a cup of

#### Humanitarianism is being exploited by governments as a cover for their political failures or indolence.

coffee. Afterward, Mr. Soros says: "I hate being praised and thanked all the time. I have an aversion to it."

But the thanks are understandable, Mr. Soros, the international financier, paid for the water plant as well as new pipes to bring in gas. In a year, he has given \$50 million to Bosnia, hoping to alleviate suffering and to make a political difference.

Mr. Soros ended his visit to Sarajevo that day with a stark declaration: "The

\$50 million Soros humanitarian fund for Bosnia is almost exhausted, and I must declare it a failure."

Later, he explained, "In spite of the brilliant work done by the International Rescue Committee and Refugees International, the humanitarian situation is worse than when we began,"

But the overwhelming failure, he argued, was a political one: "Sarajevo is a concentration camp, and the UN is part of the system that maintains it."

Together, these two statements form a terrible indictment: that humanitarianism is being exploited by governments as a cover for their political failures or indolence. Bosnia certainly shows the terrifying power of ethnic nationalism. But it also demonstrates the failure of international institutions, and the abuse and the limits of humanitarianism. Bosnia is the hell at the end of the tunnel.

Mr. Soros had flown to Sarajevo via UN transport plane from Zagreb. Accompanying him were his coordinator for Yngoslavia, Beka Vuco, and Lionel Rosenblatt, the head of Refugees Inter-

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point at Sarajevo airport, we drove into town in an armored car of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Our driver was Fred Cuny, an engineer from Texas who works for the International Rescue Committee, which Mr. Soros has funded to oversee the gas and water projects. We drove swiftly to the Presidency building, where the Bosnian branch of the Soros Foundation has an office. Mr. Soros was hustled upstairs through cold, dark pas-sages to meet with members of his board. Mr. Soros listened quietly to their advice. His strength seems to lie in the fact that politically and culturally he can identify with both Europe and America.

He was born a Hungarian Jew and grew up under Nazism. A refugee from Sta-linism as well, he has a close understanding of the ravages of dictatorship.
He remains obsessed by the sufferings he saw as a child. And he believes in his

right to use his money to try in alleviate thera, and to influence policy.

Mr. Soros's apprenticeship in both the financial markets and philosophy was served in London in the early 1950s; he

became a disciple of Karl Popper, the

humanist philosopher. In the 1960s, as an expert arbitrageur in New York, he made the first of his many millions. He began his philanthropy in 1969, using money to put pressure on weak points in the Soviet system — at first in Hungary. There are now Soros Foundations in 22 countries, including 19 for-mer Communist countries and South

Africa. In Russia he is spending up to

\$100 million in an effort to persuade

scientists to stay at home. After the meeting we drove back to the Holiday Inn. Many of the hotel's windows have been shot out and the glass has been replaced by plastic sheets. Electricity is intermittent and water is rare. Food is scarce. Yet the place somehow functions. The employees are de-hightful, sheets are clean, lukewarm

meals do eventually appear.
That afternoon, Mr. Soros met with representatives of all the principal humanitarian agencies in Saraievo. The hotel's conference room was lit by candles on long tables. It looked, someone said, like a 17th century Dutch oil painting, a meeting of conspirators. And in one sense that was indeed what it was —

an open conspiracy to try to bring help. Mr. Soros asked them what they thought Sarajevo needed. Someone said that the problem was not of money but of access. Mr. Soros talked about the need to open the Mostar road through Croat-controlled areas suggested that everyone sign a petition requesting pressure be put on the Croats to open it.

A woman psychologist from the main hospital stood up and said that no one in Sarajevo cared about the Mostar road. What Mr. Soros should realize, she said. was that "people are terrified of sitting in the dark for 15 hours a day."

That night many of those who had benefited from Mr. Soros's money — surgeons, theater directors, writers, en-

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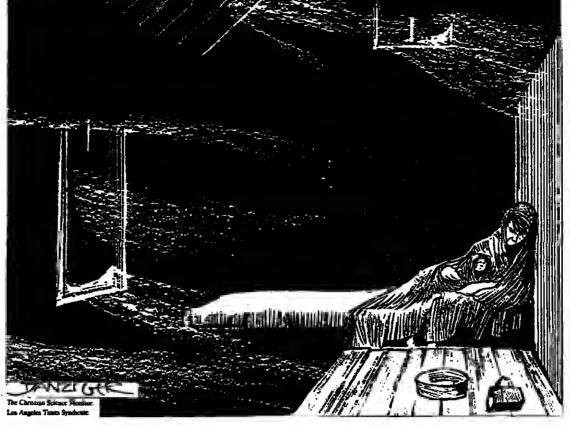
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gineers - came through the dark streets to dinner at the Holiday Inn. It was an extraordinary occasion. The women were all beautifully turned out.

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"Can you imagine how hard it was to arrange all this?" one exhausted princi-pal of Mr. Soros's local organization asked me. "Can you understand the difficulty of just getting the ingredients for this soup? And all the rest?"

The next morning we went with Fred Curry and his fellow engineers to see the water treatment plant. The tunnel will, they hope, protect it from Serbian artil-lery shells. It is a fantastic structure, which looks like the engine room of an aircraft carrier. Now running, the station will provide 18 million liters of water a day, improving the lives of thousands.

Even more desperately needed than water is heat. The scheme Mr. Soros has funded is expected to connect an extra 30,000 homes to the gas supply. The problem is whether the gas will reach the town. It comes by pipe from Russia through Hungary and Serbia. The Serbs have been warned that if they cut gas off to Sarajevo, it will be cut off to them.

Mr. Soros also met with the Bosnian prime minister, who told him that the vernment, having come close to agreeing to a partition of the country, would now continue to fight. Later, Mr. Soros returned to his theme that the UN is effectively serving

as guard for the Serbians' concentration camp. "They are allowing the Serbs to decide what humanitarian aid should be brought in and are allowing the concentration camp to survive at the absolutely minimum level. The only justification of the UN's presence here would be if it was lifting the siege."

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Mr. Soros contends that humanitarian organizations should be only part of an overall response — they cannot be a substitute for policy. But that is what governments have made them in Bosnia. For now, bowever, humanitarianism

is all there is. This winter, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees is asking for free passage of convoys; the impartial distribution of aid based on assessments by UNHCR; the evacuation of the vulnerable; the opening of Tuzla airport to help feed the 2.5 million or more people at risk in central Bosnia. This is de-

scribed as a bare minimum. No one thinks a disaster can be averted - aid officials talk only of reducing it.

As Mr. Soros left for the airport, we heard that a Serbian mortar had just crashed inm a school, killing three chil-dren and their teacher, and wounding many others. It was a quiet day at the beginning of a vicious winter in Saraievo.

The author's study of the UN and Cambodia will be published by the Carnegie Endowment next year. He contributed this

#### Time in a Communist Jail: The Ultimate in Leisure?

By Gary Krist

C ROTON-ON-HUDSON, New York — In Poland, the Wolf's Lair, the Nazis' eastern front command post in World War II, is being converted into a theme resort. According to Travel & Leisure magazine. staff members are to dress in replica uniforms of the Luftwaffe and Wehrmacht, and there will be dancing nightly at "Hitler's Bunker Disco." In Germany, a young entrepreneur plans in open an amusement park

#### MEANWHILE

near Berlin. His theme? East Germany under communism. Bartenders and chambermaids will double as mock agents of the secret police. Visitors overheard making comments critical of the government will be thrown Don't look now, but history is being

reshaped into a tourist attraction. And not just its prettier moments: nowadays, no episode of our past is too tragic, no act too appalling, nn institution too shameful to escape the ingeninty of the tourism industry. Political and racial oppression seem

to be the hottest thing in travel. This chamber of commerce surrealism isn't flourishing only abroad. Near Atlanta, Holdings Inc. is developing a "Gone With the Wind Country" theme park, complete with repli-cas of Tara and Twelve Oaks, horsedrawn carriages, a golf course and a full array of theme shops.

It isn't the Wolf's Lair, but no one involved seems to find anything questionable about celebrating a way of life founded on the institution of slavery.

And now the Walt Disney Co... the

virtual inventor of the theme park industry, has annunced plans for its own history-qua-entertainment park near Manassas, Virginia.

Visitors will be able to enjoy an authentic "Civil War experience," complete with Mickey and Goofy.

within a few miles of the battlefield where 4,200 soldiers lost their lives. Among other things, the exhibits will dramatize the experience of slavery. "The goal here is in make this real." says a Disney official.

The park will also depict the early years of industrial capitalism. In a replica steel town called Enterprise, a roller coaster will speed through a pseudo-factory, under overflowing vats of artificial molten metal all, one presumes, to "make real" the harsh labor conditions that pre-

And so the hrave new development plans keep piling up.
But so, 100, do the troubling ques

nons they inspire: Can we really learn anything from hismry when its most sobering lessons are defanged and turned into vacation amusements? Will we eventually become morally

nhtuse to the shame of slavery, of political appression, even of genocide, when such things are routinely depicted as part of a feel-good experience for the whole family? And how do I explain to my 2-year-old daughter the difference between the Third Reich and the Magic Kingdom?

Mr. Krist, a former magazine travel writer, is author of the forthcoming short story collection "Bone by Bone." He contributed this comment to The

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Paving-Over of History Regarding the report "Hi-Ha! And Off to the Civil War We Go!" (Nov. 13) by Michael Wines:

We were deeply saddened to learn of the Walt Disney Co.'s plan to build an American history "theme park" in north-em Virginia. The sparse open land left in this beautiful and historic region is rapidly being devoured by development. Disney's plans to consume an additional 3,000 acres (1,200 hectares) would be the final blow to what little rural and colonial flavor this region retains.

Not long ago, the Virginia country-side outside of Washington — where the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains meet the estuaries of the Potomac -was perhaps the most beautiful place in America. But old homes and famous sites dating as far back as the 17th century have been torn down or paved over.

the priceless experience of walking over the hallowed grounds of Civil War battlefields in this region. To legitimize, in the name of history, the destruction of the scarce open spaces around these battlefields is tragically ironic. MARK and CAROLYN BRZEZINSKI.

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#### Oxford, England. A Deterrent Indeed

Regarding "No Easy Solution" (Letters, Nov. 25) from Tom Boyle:

Mr. Boyle writes of the "known futility" of the death penalty as a deterrent to crime. I have read of many cases of released or paroled murderers committing further offenses, but I have yet to hear of an executed criminal committing

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#### **Ghosts of Vietnam**

Regarding the report "Exiles Return, Wallets Full, to Help Saigon Be Saigon" (Nov. 4) by Philip Shenon, and "The Many Lives of Kieu Chinh" (Features, Nov. 4) by Seth Mydans:

The assertion that Vietnam was partitioned in 1954 is incorrect. The 1954 UN Geneva agreement created two cease-fire zones. The line separating them, the Demilitarized Zone, was provisional pending unification elections to be held in 1956. The election provision was not the only one broken by the Mr. Shenon asserts that Vietnam's

problems are due to communism. But what about the effects of 60 years of a repressive French colonial regime, Japanese occupation during World War II (with the French collaborating), eight years of French-Indochina war, the

form of democracy," the U.S. bom-hardment of Vietnam "into the Stone Age," and a 20-year international economic emhargo?

Ho Chi Minh petitioned President

Woodrow Wilson for semi-indepen-

dence in 1919 at the Paris Peace Con-

reign of Ngo Diem and his "special

ference, which produced the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations. Ho Chi Minh collaborated with the United States in World War II and proposed making Vietnam an Ameriprotectorate at the end of the war. But perhaps the Vietnamese were a little 100 socialist for our West- [the Cafe ern tastes.

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TOKYO - Japan's main oppo-

sition party, the Liberal Demo-crats, punished 13 members on

Tuesday for defying a party direc-

tive to vote against the govern-

promise to move against political

Its replacement, a coalition led

by Morihiro Hosokawa, put elec-

toral reform measures to a lower

house vote on Nov. 18. The Liberal

Democratic Party ordered its members to vote against the bills, but

some rebelled and voted for while

al Democratic Party and help re-

ers got off with a stiff reprimand.

minister who was removed from

office by the Liberal Democrats'

backroom bosses after showing too

much zeal for reform, was not pun-

ished despite abstaining from the

The political reform package

now looks certain to miss a Dec. 15

deadime. The bills are being stalled in the upper house by the Liberal

loopholes in lax anti-graft laws and

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When he swept to power in Au-

gust with a mandate for reform,

Mr. Hosokawa said be would take

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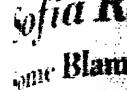
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#### Japan Party Sukarno Daughter in Running To Lead Indonesia Opposition pend on if and how the government none of the three political parties

JAKARTA - A loose-knit political party, the closest thing President Suharto's Indonesia allows to an official opposition, will meet this week for the second time in six months to choose a leader accept-

able to the government. A front-runner for the post, which was left vacant after Mr. Subarto rejected the party's earlier choice, is Megawati Sukarnoputri, daughter of his predecessor, Sukar-

The party barred the rebels from bolding official party posts for up In July, the Indonesian Democratic Party re-elected Surjadi, a to three years, but stopped short of expelling them for fear of creating a protege of Mr. Suharto's former military chief, Benny Murdam But The party was removed from government in July after 38 years in the government declared the election invalid after a chaotic coopower, when it went back on a

gress. Mr. Surjadi later gave in to government pressure to resign.
The party meeting will be opened Thursday in Surabaya, in East Java, by Vice President Try

The Democratic Party has a Mr. Sanit said, however, that the large following in the cities, but outcome of the meeting would de-

thar are allowed to exist are represented in Mr. Suharto's cabinet.

The party's role in the largely rubber-stamp legislature is restricted to raising questions. But while the party is not expected to pose a major threat to Mr.

Suharto's government, political ob-servers said that the party's popu-larity under Miss Megawati could "Megawati, with her Sukarno name, is a popular figure for the people," said Arhi Sanit, senior re-

searcher at the Center for Institutional Development Research of the University of Indonesia. A poll of readers by the weekly newspaper Detik indicated that nearly 30 percent supported Miss Megawati, 46. Her closest contender. Budi Hardjono, who is said to

Mr. Sanit said, however, that the

only 10 percent support.

The government could intervene by harassing provincial repre-sentatives before they leave for Surabaya and if this is done, Budi Hardiono will be chairman," he

Other analysts said that military elements critical of Mr. Subarto would play a role in the Surabaya meeting of the Democratic Party, known as PDL

The governing party, Golkar, for the first time elected a civilian, Information Minister Harmoko, as its chairman. That was at its fiveyearly congress in Jakarta last

"After the military defeat in Golkar's recent chairmanship election, the military would want to see a somewhat bigger PDL an analysi

have government backing, received "If Megawati becomes chairman ir could indicate military elements have supported her," the analyst

## Russians Fire on Ship, Wounding a Japanese

TOKYO - The Russian Coast Guard opened fire on a small Japa-nese trawler last week, hitting the captain before detaining his ship and crew near the Russian-held Kuril Islands claimed by Japan, according to news reports here

Kyodo news agency quoted a Russian surgeon as saying the ship's captain, Keichi Noto, was shot through the thigh and in the

He said Mr. Noto, 41, would be in the hospital for three weeks on Shikotan Island, one of the four Kuril Islands. The ship's two other

crew members were oot innired. Spokesmen for the Japanese coast guard said their Russian counterparts had not reported the case. If confirmed, it would be the first case in recent memory where Russian border gnards fired at Jap-

anese fishermen to stop their boats. The normal procedure for coast guard cutters challenging intruding

vessels is to fire shots across the bow before aiming directly at the vessel. It was not clear if such warning shots were fired. The matter was first reported on

Sunday by Russia's Itar-Tass news agency, which said the captain was slightly injured. Itar-Tass said the Russian coast guard fired at the boat inside Russian waters after ordering the trawler, the Yuki-

maru, to stop.

The incident reportedly occurred Friday off Cape Nosappo on the eastern up of Hokkaido, Japan's northern main island. The nearest Russian-held island is about 3 kilometers (2 miles) away.

This year, Russian vessels in the area have detained 13 Japanese ships and 46 crew members, of whom 13 fishermen, including Mr. Noto, were still being beld.

The islands, which Russia calls the Southern Kurils and Japan the Northern Territories, were seized by Soviet troops in the last days of Leaking of Data Was 'Reckless,' Singapore Says

SINGAPORE — A government economist showed "dangerous recklessness" by passing on an eco-comic growth estimate—classified as an official secret—to a private economist, Singapore's attorney general said Tuesday. Chan Sek Keong told a court the

state had a prima facie case against Therman Shammugaratnam, from the Singapore Monetary Authority. Mr. Shammugaratnam is charged with violating the Official Secrets Act by communicating a confiden-tial 1992 second-quarter economic growth estimate of 4.6 percent to a Crosby Securities economist.

Manu Bhaskaran. Also accused of communicating the figure were Mr. Bhaskaran; a Business Times editor, Patrick Daniel; a Business Times journalist Kenneth James; and a Crosby Securities economist, Raymond

Foo, All five deny the charge, If convicted they face sentences of up to two years in jail and fines of 2,000 Singapore dollars (\$1,275).

#### others abstained. Shigeru Ishiba, one of two mem-bers banned from party office for three years, objected to the punish-China Sets Up Agency to Battle AIDS "At the election I was voted into parliament saying I would carry out political reform with the Liber-Chinese and foreign health officials say that the true number of infections is far higher. AIDS has taken on a new urgency in Beijing

Health Minister Chen Minzhang hlamed igedging that the deadly virus was spreading due norance for the spread of the virus and said most HIV carriers were drug users or people who had contracted the disease abroad. Statistics released by the new body and re-ported by the official Xinhua news agency on the eve of World AIDS Day on Wedneday "We lack publication and comprehensive

A Vietnamese government health worker, right, distributing condoms and a brochure in Hanoi on Tuesday, the eve of World AIDS Day.

management measures on sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS prevention," he said. Mr. Chen said the new organization, the National Association of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS Control and Prevention,

was formed to help the government organize prevention activities. It has been working on a national anti-AIDS plan that could be unveiled as early as Wednesand officials oo longer dismiss it as a foreigners

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mold the party as a modest and sincere party," he told NHK televi-Cahinet officials convened a meeting last week in Shanghai, where one high official called sion. "I cannot agree with this AIDS a strategic threat to China and said more heavy penalty." efforts must be made to block the disease from Another member was banned for spreading among its 1.2 billion people. two years and seven were banned for several months each. Three oth-

"Failure to curb AIDS can sabotage socialist construction," the unidentified cabinet official vas quoted as saying.

Most known carriers of HTV are drug users in the southwestern province of Yunnan. But cases are increasingly appearing in other cities, involving prostitutes and their clients, homosexuals and drug users.

## CANDIDATES: Some Old Banes Trail Bush's Sons on the Campaign

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whom only five are still alive.

BEIJING - China set up its first nationwide

anti-AIDS organization on Tuesday, acknowl-

to public ignorance of what has long been

undermined the myth of Chinese invulnerabil-

According to the statistics, of the 1.159 confirmed carriers in China of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, 948 are Chinese and 211 are

foreigners or overseas Chinese.

The oumber of AIDS victims is at 19, of

regarded as a "foreigners" disease.

who faces some stiff primary competition, George Walker Bush (known as George W. or Junior), 46, a partner in the Texas Rangers hasehall team, seems to have an easy road to the Republican comination. But once each is past the primaries, Governor Lawton Chiles of Florida is considered more vulnerable than the Texas governor, Ann W. Richards.

If the tart-tongued oldest Bush son wins, he will have the satisfaction of running against the tarttongued woman who mocked his father as a preppy with a silver foot in his mouth at the 1988 Democrat-

ic National Convention.

small bush, and Junior. In Texas, where they like a little for the father. barbed wire in their political rassles, everyoue is looking forward to 1994. "This is going to be a fun most embarrasses me to say it, be-year, that's all." said State Senator cause I doo't think I'm a celebrity David Sibley, who introduced George W. Bush at a Waco rally.

The older brother's advisers predict that Bill Clinton, who took the White House with the support of Ms. Richards, will be an albatross for the governor. George W. denies there is any motivation of avenging the family name.

"I bear oo ill will personally to-ward the current governor," he said, but he added that there is more to running the state than "funny sound bites."

rally in College Station, the home has noted, "We were taught oever of his father's presidential library, to sit on the sidelines." at Texas A&M University.

and by the time the campaign is over, people are going to know that, in this George Bush, they've got someone to be the governor who knows what it means to fight

day, officials said.

Although the Bushes also allude to the minuses of being related to a president who was decisively rejected by the public last year, many strategists consider their name their main selling points. It provides instant recognition and access to political and fund-raising networks, and allows them to fioesse the fact that oeither has held elective office. George lost a bid for

Congress in 1978. Wheo a recent Texas Poll showed that George W. Bush was Ms. Richards has already been within 8 percentage points of Ms. dismissing her potential rival by Richards, her supporters suggested referring to him as Shrub, as in that this was probably because many respondents mistook the

Jeb Bush acknowledges that his "semicelebrity" status helps. "It alcause I doo't think I'm a celebrity by any stretch of the imagination, but I think I do get bigger crowds."

be said. "There's more curiosity." The younger brother said he drew his lessons io the 1992 race from the Democrats. "My father served with distinction in a different time. But it's 1993, and the country has changed dramatically. The way the Clinton campaign used alternative means of communication - it was about breaking

the mold of how you campaign."
Imbued with the Bush creed of competition, the two brothers have "I'm a proud child," he said at a been eager to run for years. As Jeh

When George W. Bush consid-"Being George Bush's son, they ered running for governor in 1990, say, is it a plus or a negative? It's a his mother urged him against it huge plus as far as I'm concerned, while his father was still in the

White House. And Jeb Bush likes to tell the story about how, when he was head of the Dade County Republican Party in 1986, he called his father to discuss a possible run

for Congress. The father rattled off points to consider: Would it be too much of a sacrifice for his wife and three children? Could be afford to keep two houses in Miami and Washington? Jeb decided to wait.

The novelty of two Bushes running for governor has sourred commentary about "Rockefeller-style dynasties," and memories of other presidential offspring who tried the olitical route successfully (John Duincy Adams and Robert Taft) and unsuccessfully (Robert Todd Lincoln and Manreen Reagan).

Some strategists said it will be arder for Jeb, who announced first and who has more experience. including a stint as Florida secretary of commerce, oow that his brother has entered the race.

Jeb Bush worries that, with George running too, "it turns it into a People magazine story," but shrugs that be has "no control"

over his brother. Advisers said Jeb was annoyed at the way George co-opted some of his campaign lines.

After Jeb said, "I am running for governor not because I am George and Barbara Bush's son. I am running because I am George P. and Noelle and Jeh's father," George W. began saying: "I am oot running for governor because I am George Bush's son, I am running because I am Jenna and Barbara's

Karl Rove, a consultant to George, laughingly acknowledged: "George heard Jeb use the line and thought it was so good, he stole it.

Politically, the Bushes span the trajectory of Republican politics. Their grandfather, Prescott Bush, a Connecticut senator, was an Eisenhower Republican. George Bush started as a hybrid of moderate Republicanism and the more conservative politics of his adopted state, and then leaped to the right as Ronald Reagan's vice president.

The sons do not display their father's flexibility, sticking instead to the strict conservative line, which they attribute to their years in Texas. Like their father, they are fervent believers in a market economy. They oppose abortion, and they believe in strengthening local control over education and in boot camps for juvenile offenders.

As for adult sexual offenders. George W., said, "I believe most are beyond rehabilitation. I wish they'd put them away and make

On Tuesday, negotiators from both the coalition and the Liberal Democratic Party agreed on a

rough timetable to push through the Diet an even more argent sup-plementary budget bill, party offi-cials said. Enacting the 709 billion yen (\$6.50 billion) budget, one of a recession, will require about a week of debate, the officials added.

#### HONG KONG: Taunt to China Continued from Page 1

greater democracy in the colooy before its return to Chinese rule in 1997, said it planned to amend the

legislation.
It is important to remember terms of the Joint Declaration even after 1997 - that Beijing has no say over," Yueng Sum, the party's vice chairman, said in a written agree. statement, referring to the treaty signed by Britain and China in 1984.

Presenting legislators with a bill oo these three less important issues

Yueng, whose party will seek to amend the proposed legislation to include a provision for a greater number of directly elected legisla-

Mixed in with attacks on Britain that these are issues that under the for its lack of "sincerity" in the talks. China oo Tuesday signaled again that after 1997 it would overturn any laws with which it did oot

Xinhua released commeotary from a Beijing-controlled maga-zine. Bauhinia, which said China was prepared to "reshape" the Legislative Council after regaining sends China the message that Gov-ernor Patten is determined to take into line with its interpretation of whatever steps are necessary to the agreements on the transfer of

#### South African Rejectionists Vow A White Homeland if Blacks Rule

By Paul Taylor

Washington Post Service that their group will eventually destinat the rightists are not strong ignate as a separate state.

Their biggest problem is that and that they are multikely; for now, that they are planning to ignore the support for the idea of a "rolk- to pursue armed resistance." series of steps to bring Japan out of results of next year's all-races election and will try unilaterally to establish an ethnic white state within

South Africa. Their plan, however, suggested that the white rejectionists, for all their recent war talk and saherrattling, are moving toward a longterm strategy of passive rather than armed resistance to black majority

The plan has drawn a mix of ridicule and denunciation from centrist parties, which dismiss it as dangerous self-delusion.

The Afrikaner Volksfront, a rightist umbrella organization, anounced that it will invoke a "unilateral declaration of independence" by March if, as expected, it is unable to negotiate a separate homeland for Afrikaners.

Though details are sketchy and a map has not yet been drawn up, the Volksfront leaders, Ferdi Hartzenberg and General Constant Vilwhites-only election in the region Mr. Van Tonder acknowledged

tionwide poll released last week, just 28 percent of whites favor the creation of a white homeland, and just 14 percent would be prepared to move to one. Even among Airi- not months, to mature. kaner Volksfront supporters, near-ly half oppose the idea. Whites

tance to black rule, mainly in small last stand." towns in Orange Free State and Transvaal. In those areas, some conservative white town councils have already adopted resolutions declaring their intention to ignore declaring their intention to ignore take the route of ignoring them. These movements tend to dissipate ment that is expected to come to over time."

power after the April 27 election. You Americans had your Tea Party; we are going to have our tax boycotts and other forms of passive attack," said Robert Van Tonder,

But once a black government small minority. According to a na- comes to power, our numbers will grow; people will experience for themselves how bad things get," he said. He added that he expected the resistance campaign to take years,

A Western diplomat commented: "Their strategy of passive resis-tance could provide troublesome if ty mair oppose the 15 percent of tance could provide troublesome if comprise less than 15 percent of tance could provide troublesome if South Africa's population. the right-wing is disciplined Still, the Volkstrout appears to enough to stick with it. The small companymittes are going to be have the wherewithal to string to, rural communities are going to be gether pockets of localized resis- the places where apartheid makes it

... And a African National Congress official said: "If whites take a posture of passive resistance to these new councils, we can always

President Frederik W. de Klerk called the plan "untimely and irresponsible" and urged the Volksfront to press forward with negotiations currently under way with joen, said they foresaw holding a head of the rightist Boerestast Party. both the government and ANC.

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## Cool 'Butterfly' Emerges From Wilson Cocoon

By Dave Stevens

ARIS - "Madame Butterfly" has been moved to Robert Wilson country, where the air is clear, the sky changes color a lot and the temperature is quite a bit cooler than in the usual Puccini land-

Yet, in this new production at the Opera Bastille, Wilson's styl-ized orientalism, the extreme simplicity of the sets and costumes. the unhurried and precisely choreographed movements and the infi-nitely flexible lighting create an in-tensely emotional visual atmosphere, parallel to, yet de-tached from, Puccini's emotionally loaded music.

If anything, this score, which of-ten just bypasses the brain and mugs the listener's sensibilities. gains from being heard in such con-ditions. The singers probably gain, too, being freed from the usual mindless gesticulation and obliged to stand still a lot. In any case they sounded like it, and the orchestra played with clarity and concentration under Myung-Whun Chung's urgent direction.

Wilson's set is just about irreducible, a wooden platform approached by the suggestion of a footbridge and a path outlined in stones, the whole indicating a house set in a rock garden. The unobstructed sky plays an active role in its expressionist lighting changes. (Heinrich Brunke collaborated on the lighting.) The second act (the opera was played in two acts, as was Puccim's original intention) was basically the same

scene taken from a different angle. Except for a Japanese-modern object that was used as a chair from time to time, there are virtually no props. Pinkerton and Con-sul Sharpless drink whiskey from imaginary glasses served on an imaginary tray. Cio-Cio-San strews imaginary flowers about the boots, shortly before the stabs herself with an invisible instru-

The costumes (Frida Parmeggiani) fell into two categories. Those for the principals are stylized and nonspecific. The Japa-nese women wore similar off-thesboulder gowns, but Cio-Cio-San's was black with hints of kimono, whila Kate Pinkerton's was white Western evening dress. Pinkerton wore only a white, floor-length coat, without any naval markings, and Sharpless a similar long coat in gray. The local color was left for the specifically Japanese characters and their somatimes almost earicatured

UT it was the movement (Snzushi Hanayagi is credited with the choreography) that was the dramatic keystone of this production. Choreography is not the wrong word for movement that was minimal, precise, hieratic and expressive. It also seemed to be slow, but everyone got where they were going on time, albeit in a time sig-nature different from but coordinated with that of the music. Above all, the dramatic relationships were

at all times clear.
This is, after all, a work about a clash of alien civilizations, and there were telling moments that made this clear. The sudden eruption of Butterfly's uncle, the Bonze, dressed in black, bearing the signs of his authority and backed by a suddenly blood-red sky, was one of them. And Butterfly's death, twitching like a just-mounted hutterfly, was a cruel reference to her



Nicoletta Curiel, left, and Diana Soviero in "Madame Butterfly."

own unwitting but prophetic words in the first act.

Singers are not famous as a class for submitting to the demands of unusual stagings, but here they

Met and New York City Opera, performed her stage duties at Monday's performance not just consci-entiously but with dramatic preci-emplary of Pinkerton's heedless sion. Once past an uneven entrance scene, she delivered a moving, beautifully sung Butterfly. The ovation she won at the final curtain

was the real thing.

The vicissitudes of operatic life propelled an unknown South Afri-

can tenor into the role of Pinker-Romuald Tesarowicz (the Bonze) ton. Johan Botha proved to have a delivered telling vigneties in their

clear and robust lyric voice that will be heard from again. He also has the physique of a discus thrower An objection: Traditionally, Paris Opera programs give a number that represents the number of times the were exemplary.

Diana Soviero, a stalwart of the convincing as a romantic young nawork of the evening has been given val lieutenant in your standard by the company. In Monday's program that figure was 1.174, which is "Butterfly" production. But here fiddling with numbers.

Historically, "Madame Buttercrucity.
William Stone's warm and solid fly" was part of the Opera Comique's repertory, and the overbaritone was aptly employed as the whelming majority of its Paris compassionate and uncomfortable performances have been given in Sharpless, and Constance Fce the Salle Favart, It did not enter (Kate), Georges Gautier (Goro), Frank Leguérinei (Yamadori) and the Opéra's repertory until the late 1970s, at the Palais Garnier.

## Coronation of Monteverdi Gardiner, at Last, Tackles 'Poppea'

By Roderick Conway Morris

REMONA, Italy -- Europe's first modern violins were made in northern Italy in the early 16th century. By the time of Claudio Monteverdi's birth here in 1567, this pleasant riverside town southeast of Milan, had become the epicenter of violin, cello and viola making. An unbroken line of master craftsmen stretching from Andrea Amati to Antonio Stradivari main tained Cremona's virtual monopoly as the international exporter of top-class instruments until well into the 18th century.

The young Monteverdi's first post outside his hometown was as a violin and viol player at the Gonzaga Palace in neighboring Mantua. He had already published books of moters and madrigals while still in his teens, and his talents as a composer were soon employed in writing courtly entertainments. He later moved to Venice, where he placed an indelible stamp on sacred music and played a central role in establishing the novel genre of opera (the first public opera

house was opened in Venice in 1637).

The inventiveness and complexity of Monteverdi's music was instrumental in revealing the enormous untapped potential of the violin. And ever since. despite numerous changes in style and tastes, the violin, with its phalanx of scaled-up cousins, has remained the king of Western orchestras.

Monteverdi died 350 years ago Monday, and Cre-

mona marked the anniversary by inviting John Eliot Gardiner and his English Baroque Soloists to perform Monteverdi's last and greatest opera, "L'Incorona-zione di Poppea, "and, with the Monteverdi Choir, the "Vespers of 1610." his crowning work of liturgical

Surprisingly, Gardiner, who has been such a prominent force in reviving and popularizing Baroque music, has never before tackled "Poppea." Closely based on accounts by the Roman historian Tacitus and the more gossipy chronicler Suctonius, the plot as opera plots go, is simple. Poppea is conducting a passionate love affair with Emperor Nero, Beautiful and ambitions, she is determined to become empress. Inconveniently, Nero already has a wife. Octavia. Conveniently, Poppea bas a sbunned, embittered lover, Ottone, whom Octavia recruits to bump off her upstart rival. The plan fails, Octavia and Ottone are hanished forever, and Poppea is duly crowned.

"Poppea" is a profoundly human drama, and the gods, who often play an obtrusive part in operas and masques of this period, appear on the fringes of events (though Love does save Poppea from assassination).

For all its stylized presentation, this is an entirely

sions, jealousy, love transformed into loathing, the cruelty of happy victors and the despair of the emo-ulonally vanquished.

The encounters between Poppea and Nero — with their lingering, caressing, melodically and rhythmically daring texts and scores — contain some of the most sexually charged music ever written. It is almost mysti-fying that such an explicit presentation of an obsessively physical relationship reached the mid-17th-century stage - though the portrait in "Poppea" of the degeneracy, arbitrariness and megalomania of emper-ors and their consorts must have been politically

appealing in Venice, the only republic of that era. At the premiere a 15-strong ensemble of the English Baroque Soloists, on strings, lutes, harps and keyboard, seduced, astonished and delighted with unostentatious virtuosity, filling Cremona's Teatro Ponchi-elli with a rich, subile, entrancing sound.

HE American soprano Sylvia McNair's Poppea was magnetic, majestic, sensual and as utterly insidious and irresistible as Monteverdi intended. The Slovenian Bernarda Fink was magnificent throughout as Poppea's nurse and confidente - her aria triumphing in ber mistress's victory is a tour de force of acting and singing.
The countertenor Michael Chance sang Ottone with force and conviction, and Anne Sofie von Otter was memorable as Octavia, particularly moving in her final lament.

Although billed as a "concert version," the show was semi-staged. McNair's personal wardrobe served

her well, but other performers were less fortunate.

Nero was originally written for a castrato. Gardiner, in search of the right register and vocal abilities, cast another American soprano. Dana Hanchard, as the Emperor. Her performance was superb - but here was a case where a fully staged version might have supported the illusion better. As it was, Hanchard's natural (eminine elegance remained inescapable threatening in the love scenes with Poppea to introduce an unlooked-for erotic subtext, quite superfluous

in a drama already awash with sex.

Ulumately, the only recurrent fault in the production was that the acting did not always reach the dizzy standards of the music and the singing. If Gardiner could find a theatrical director to match his own outstanding mastery of the music, in order to guide the soloists on stage, his "Poppea" could become as notahle a landmark in the bringing to life of early opera as his captivating "Vespers of 1610" has been in the revival of Baroque church music.

"Poppea" will be performed in Rome on Thursday, Vienna on Saturday and London on Dec. 8 and 11.

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## Man and Machine, From Pete Townshend

By Sheridan Morley artanal Herold Teilens

ONDON - Pete Townshend's rock opera "The Iron Man" has been unfairly dismissed by many for failing to achieve major-musical status, an honor that ironically has gone to Townshend's lesser "Tommy," now on Broadway.

"The Iron Man" (at the Young Vic) is paradoxically a much more mature work about a much more childish thing; the Ted Hughes fable of the tractor-guzzling giant be-friended in the cause of ecology by the semi-orphaned Hogarth. Once again, as with "Cats," the poetry department of Faber & Faber has come up with a stage musical, or at any rate the basis for one.

What matters is the lean, spare, genuinely poetie voice that Townshend has found for the song-cycle he has made of "The Iron Man," which David Thacker has staged with considerable epic dexterity on a minimal budget and the now-traditional setting of rusting spare parts.

Anthony Barclay is a heroic Hogarth up against the giant machine.

Townshend has found a style wonderfully suited to the angry edginess of Hughes's poetry, and what might in other hands have been a didactic end-of-term school

-to induce in their readers neither

reflection nor emotion nor an ap-preciation of the richer bounties

which novels may confer, but car-

pal tunnel syndrome. In fact, when I put down "A Dangerous For-tune," it took quite a while for my

page-turning extremities to return

to normal. I suppose that's a good

thing, although on reflection I felt like the fellow watching the Charge

of the Light Brigade, who commented, "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre." It's a lot of fun, but I'm not sure it's a novel.

our time of vibrant theatricality.

But for the musical of the week if not the entire year, we bave to travel back in time to the Shafteshury Avenue of the late 1950s. We are in the West End, and a lone pianist is about to strike up the

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overture of a new musical: songs you have half heard somewhere be of a largely non-gay audience, peoyou have half heard somewhere be-fore, and are going to have no trou-ble hymping in the best toright whose memories the show is dedible humming in the bath tonight.
Nothing to do with phantoms or dancing cats or starving French or phans. Clearly we are not in the theatrical present, but when exactly?

The time and place are personaland star, since the night in question rately: A world of deep political is the night his father took his mother "up west" to celebrate the news of his imminent birth. Moth- managers, where the shows went news of his imminent birth. Mother happens to arrive a little late in the foyer, and to while away the time Bartlett gives us a gallery of ushers, eloakroom attendants, chorus boys and house managers, where the shows went on, night after night, as intriguing for their offstage politics as for anything in their plots.

Like Sondheim's "Follies." "Night After Night" is about the widden tricks of memory brought on by stage lighting and about the

play becomes instead a fable for up to the moment of the starting of

The agenda of "Night After

Night" (at the Royal Court) is a gay one, in that Bartlett is eager for us to understand the double standards of homosexuality that then obtained. The vast majority of Shaftesbury Avenue theater workers on both sides of the 1950s curtains were gay, but never said so even to each other

for fear of disturbing the prejudices cated. Bartlett even appears on stage

lain at an orgy. In a tacky, intermittently loving The year is 1958, 30 minutes and savage parody of the postwar before curtain up. Neil Bartlett's West End, Bartlett manages to find 'Night After Night," far and away the most inventive and intelligent musical of 1993, takes us back over an anthem and a requiem for the three decades to a lost limelight. old Shaftesbury Avenue, and the wonder is that a man under 40 now ly significant to Bartlett as author should have captured it so accu-

shadows in dressing-room mirrors, It deals with the front-of-house staff rather than the stars and it is aimed at the punters, the innocents out there in the stalls.

In his own production, with a score by Nicolas Bloomfield, Bartlett leads a versatile cast of seven on a journey up the avenue. It celebrates and satirizes a lost world of backstage bitchiness suddenly fading into the apparent glamour of a boy-meets-girl musical designed to make a still-postwar audience feel good and never even think about the real lives of the conjurers

urban English "Les Enfants du Paradis," this in its own quirky and wondrous way is it. In cabaret until the end of next

week at the Green Room of the Cafe Royal, Barbara Cook is a stunning reminder of the golden age of the Broadway singer. From her origins in such 1950s classics as "Candide" and "She Loves Me" and "The Music Man," Cook has made more successfully than most the transition to solo concert, and her repertoire has a resonant theatricality as well as a lyrical awareness of the great standards, from Dorothy Fields all the involved in the greasepaint illusion. way across a century to Amanda If you can imagine a 1950s sub- McBroom. Catch ber while you can,

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Mina Anwar, Andrew Robbins and Anthony Barclay in "The Iron Man."

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A DANGEROUS By Ken Follett. 533 pages. \$23.95. Delacorte.

Reviewed by

Michael M. Thomas K EN FOLLETT has written a big, rousing Victorian-style melodrama that should please his fans as well as the multitudes who

enjoy the novels of John Grisham, which it resembles in pacing style and complexity, not to mention literary felicity, or lack of same. Folicit's "Fortune" is an institutional rale about 30 crucial years in the history of two great London banking firms. Readers fearing as readers seem to fear — confrontation with the arithmetic of high finance need not worry. Pilasters and Greenbournes, the two banking houses, are surely based on Bar-ings and Rothschilds. But the deal-ings that Follett depicts within their elegant halls would not tax the intellect of a reasonably well-in-

formed 10-year-old. The book begins in 1866 at a good English public school, where a dire episode at a swimming hole becomes a Droodian secret that figures darkly in the subsequent quar-ter-century's intertwined lives— and deaths—of the book's principal characters. One of these, Hugh Pilaster, the hero of the enic, cousin to the grand Pilasters of Kensing-ton Gore and "the Square Mile" (London's financial center), is further burdened at the outset with the news that his father has killed himself after the collapse of the family firm following on the failure of the London brokers Overend Gurney and that he is broke.

Hugh thus provides the "pluck

**BOOKS** is embodied by Micky Miranda, of it there is — is the plot. To affect the reader will be the power scion of an old Cordovan (read paraphrase Vince Lombardi, in — indeed the singular gift, of topresent-day commercial fiction, the day's big brand-name fictioneers Argentine) family with home-country political ambitions that will ulplot isn't everything, it's the only thing. timately embroil the great firm of Pilasters in ruinous financial mach-Little matters like character, moral

Then there is Edward Pilaster, heir to the big bank, who will prove to be an adherent of the love that in those days dared not speak its name. Heroic Hugh's love interest is pro-vided by Maisie, daughter of a labosing family impoverished by the failure of Hugh Pilaster's — not Edward Pilaster's — family bank. Maisie becomes, by turns, a bareback rider, party girl and, ultimately, wife to Soily Greenbourne, the

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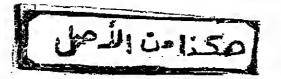
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#### FESTIVALS OFFER FUN ALL THE YEAR ROUND

o one loves a festival more than the Thais - so much so that they have managed to include at least one (and usually more) in every month of the year. Besides being an essential part of Thai life, a vivid expression of the local passion for sanuk, or "fun," such events provide valuable insights into the country's traditional culture, both popular and religious.

JANUARY

The coolest month of the Thai year, this is an ideal time to visit the picturesque northern city of Chiang Mai, noted for its many traditional crafts. Among the most famous are hand-painted umbrellas from



the village of Bo Sang, which celebrates its primary industry with a gala fair that features a beauty contest, exhibitions, and, of course, countless stalls selling umbrellas.

FEBRUARY

Chiang Mai is the setting for another northern event, the Flower Festival, which offers dazzling floral floats that reflect both the variety of native flowering plants and the Thai skill at transforming them into artistic creations. More solemn is Makha Pucha, observed nationwide as one of the most important Buddhist holy days.

MARCH

The beginning of the bot season also brings to the markets the first Thai mangces, regarded by many connoisseurs as the best in the world. Chachoengsao, in the lower central region, is famous for this succulent fruit and celebrates the harvest with a air.

APRIL

The traditional Thai New Year is celebated nationwide in the middle of this month, with religious ceremonies as well as piblic merrymaking. Anyone venturing ouside is likely to get a thorough soaking from water-throwing merrymakers, but all isin the spirit of sanuk and comes as a welcome relief from the heat.

The Pattaya Festival attracts even more twelers than usual to the resort on the Gulf c' Thailand, which marks the event with bauty contests, food stalls and fireworks o the beach.

MAY

This is the start of the planting season in nuch of the country, and several festivals eflect the vital role agriculture plays in hai life. The most colorful is the Royal lowing Ceremony, an ancient ritual that tkes place against the spires of Bangkok's irand Palace. Another is the Rocket estival in the northeastern province of 'asothon, when homemade rockets of all



sorts and sizes are fired in the belief they will ensure plentiful rains.

Also in May is Visakha Pucha, the holiest of Thai religious days, marking the birth, death and enlightenment of the Buddha. Ceremonies are held at temples all over the country.

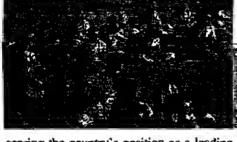
Elegation of the second JUNE This is the peak of the fruit season, and fairs are held in several of the main growing areas, particularly Rayong and Chanthaburi on the eastern gulf coast, well known for its abundant durians, rambutans, jackfruit and pomelos.

The Candle Festival in northeastern Ubon Ratchathani celebrates the commencement of Buddhist Lent, known in Thai as Khao Phansa; beautifully carved beeswax candles are paraded through the provincial capital before being presented to local temples.

AUGUST

The Queen's birthday is observed with decorations and special events all over Thailand on Aug. 12. In Lamphun, not far from Chiang Mai, a lively festival is also held to celebrate the annual harvest of longan, a lychee-like fruit.

Phichit, a northern province with some of Thailand's loveliest natural scenery, stages three days of longboat races on the Nan River, while in Bangkok, the Gems and Jewelry Fair attracts buyers and exhibitors from around the world, under-



scoring the country's position as a leading exporter of fine gemstones and locally made jewelry items.

OCTOBER

Two major southern festivals during this month are Chak Phra in Surat Thani, on the Gulf of Thailand, when revered Buddha images are paraded on elaborately decorated carriages and boats, and Phuket's 10day Vegetarian Festival, celebrated by its Chinese residents. Either this month or next, depending on the moon, is Loy Krathong, when thousands of little lighted banana-leaf boats are placed in rivers and canals to honor the water spirits.

NOVEMBER

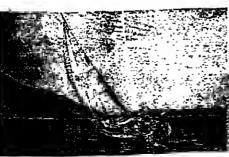
Anyone with a fondness for elephants should make a point of going to the northeastern province of Surin, where more than a bundred of the animals are assembled in a spectacular round-up, displaying their skills at everything from log pulling to warfare.



In Kanchanaburi, south of Bangkok, the famous Bridge on the River Kwai is the centerpiece of a festival.

DECEMBER

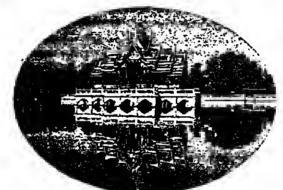
The respect and devotion all Thais feel for their ancient monarchy is expressed this month on the occasion of the King's birthday on Dec. 5, when buildings everywhere are decorated. His Majesty's love of sailing is reflected in the annual Phuket King's Cup Regatta.



n adventurous present is built on a rich past. Among past and potential visitors, images of Thailand vary according to taste and temperament. To some it conjures up a world of gilded Buddhist temples and splendid palaces, to others a stretch of snow-white sand and crystal-clear water, an exotic tribal village in misty mountains or the dynamic excitement of Bangkok, with its elegant hotels and sophisticated nightlife.

This diverse Kingdom is full of surprises and special experiences waiting to be discovered by travelers of all kinds.

Covering some 514,000 square kilometers roughly the size of France - Thailand encompasses a wide range of scenic and cultural attractions. Mountains in the far north rise to more than 2,500 meters, with verdant



THE INTRICATE BEAUTY OF THE SUMMER PALACE TEMPLE AT BANG PA-IN.

valleys, forests of teak and hill tribes adorned with heavy silver jewelry.

The northeast consists of a rolling plateau dotted with the most extensive collection of Khmer ruins outside Cambodia, while the southern peninsula, extending down to Malaysia, has jungled limestone hills and sundrenched seacoasts of singular beauty. Almost everywhere, there are imposing monuments to a rich Thai past going back . nearly a thousand years.

The visitor will also find an exciting selection of traditional and modern shopping opportunities, some of the best hotels in the world, superb Thai cuisine, a wide range of sports and opportunities for adventures to be treasured for a lifetime. Most memorable of all, perhaps, are the encounters with a people secure in their sense of cultural identity and celebrated for their hospitality to guests. Thai Airways International's new program,

Royal Orchid Plus, offers not only a compelling inducement to visit this magical Kingdom but also a creative range of highly distinctive Experience Awards designed to tempt even the most jaded traveler. WILLIAM WARREN





he French naturalist Henri Mouhot, who trekked through mid-19th century Siam, was awestruck by the variety of flora and fauna he encountered in the country's jungles. The Siamese were a lucky people, he concluded, "spoiled by a bonntiful

Today, Thailand's extensive system of national biggest natural sanctuary arks and wildlife sanctual ies provides the visitor with glimpses of the same raw. untamed tropical beauty encountered by the early explorers.

nature.

Satellite photos reveal that this vast forest cover has been reduced to less than 20 percent of the kingdom's total area. As in many other countries, those wishing to preserve what natural beauty remains have to battle against the pressures of overpopulation. development and greed. The good news is that virtually all the kingdom's remaining "old growth" forests lie in about 70 national parks or other protected areas.

The question of bow to protect Thailand's rich storehouses of biodiversity

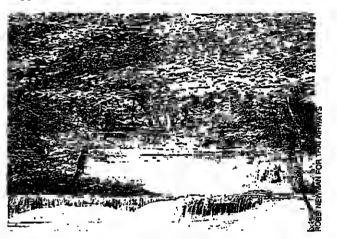
ters southwest of Bangkok. Forestry Department operit gets fewer tourists than many other parks. Kaeng Krachan is the home of at least 40 mammal species, including the Malayan sun bear. Asiatic black bear,

 $\Lambda$  banana-leaf boat carrying a candle as launched to honor the

leopard, elephant and tiger. Tourist accommodation is more extensive at Khao Yai, Thailand's first national park. Established in 1962. Khao Yai is the

ate accommodations in a wide price range within the park. Visitors should book in advance in Bangkok, especially during the November-February tourist

Phu Kradung National Park, 240 kilometers northeast of Bangkok, includes a "lost world" plateau studded with pine, oak and beech trees, with fields of



A PEACEFUL, OFF-THE-BEATEN-TRACK MOMENT OFFEREO IN EREWAN, ONE OF THAILANO'S MANY NATIONAL PARKS.

Plateau northeast of Bangkok. As many as 200 elephanis roam the park.

left on the vast Korat wild orchids, violets and daisies. Its mist-shrouded heights are sacred ground to Thai mystics. Elephanis, wild pigs and barking deer are among the animals



THE CALM OF THAILANO: LILIES. A SETTING SUN ANO THE REFLECTED BEAUTY OF WAT JONG KLANG.

has become a hot topic at along with such rare anithe national level. Ecotourism has become a buzzword as Thai and foreign nature lovers search out "unspoiled" destinations while attempting not to spoil them in the process.

Thailand's biggest and possibly wildest national park, Kaeng Krachan, covers 2,920 square kilometers along the Burmese border. Although only 140 kilome-

mals as Javan mongoose, barking deer, sambar, slow loris and gaur, the world's largest species of wild cattle. Early moming and dusk are the best times to view the wildlife, but visitors are advised to pay attention to the signs that say "Tiger

Crossing" and "Beware of

Wild Elephants." The Tourist Authority of Thailand and the Royal

found in the park and surrounding protected areas. Thailand's first marine national park, Tarutao, was established in 1974 to pro-

tect some of the most beautiful coral reefs and marine animals in southern Thailand. The park consists of 51 mainly uninhabited islands between Phuket and the Malaysian border. Coral gardens are also the main draw at Koh Similan National Park, northwest of Phuket. Boat charters and diving gear can be arranged in Phuket Overnight camping is permitted in both parks. Koh Phi Phi, another

breathtakingly beautiful Andaman Sea national park easily accessible from Phuket, offers some of the most spectacular scenery anywhere, both above and below the water. Limestone cliffs rise from coves of crystal-clear sea. On shore the forest is home to a mind-hoggling array of

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. A CELEBRATION OF FESTIVALS: (FIRST COLUMN) UMBRELLA FESTIVAL AT BO SANG; ROYAL PLOWING CEREMONY IN BANGKOK; (SECOND COLUMN) A LONGBOAT RACE ON THE NAN RIVER; ELEPHANTS PARADING IN SURIN; AND SAILING IN THE KING'S CUP REGATTA OFF PHUKET.

but the river and the canals." Sir John Bowring's observation, made in the course of a visit in 1855, may seem singularly out of date to a visitor confronted by the crowded streets and soaring expressways of the contemporary Thai capital. Closer examination, however, reveals that it still has a certain validity, particularly with regard to the Chao Phraya River, which winds through the city's traditional heart.

For more than a century after King Rama I began construction of his palace in 1782 on an artificial island created by digging a canal at a strategic point where the river curved sharply, the Chao Phraya River remained the city's main thoroughfare.

Most of the capital's leading Buddhist temples, palaces, foreign embassies, commercial buildings and other major landmarks were located along its banks, while the river itself was crowded with boats of all kinds. They are still there today, amid the towering hotels and condominiums of modern Bangkok. From a hired boat or one of the fern'es that regularly run up and down the river, one can see most Bangkok sights without contending with the delays and discomfort of traffic jams.

A good place to start an exploration of Bangkok by water is the landing at the end of Oriental Lane, flanked on one side by the historic hotel of the same name (opened in 1887) and on the other by the handsome white building that once housed the headquarters of the East Asiatic Company, established by a Danish sea captain in 1884 and later one of the world's leading husiness conglomerates.

Upriver, just beyond the Oriental, is the French Embassy, built in the spacious style typical of European residences in late 19th-century Bangkok. Next to it is the old Customs House, from which the busy trade of the city was conducted. A little farther on, behind a screen of lacy trees, is the Portuguese Embassy, built on a site granted by King Rama II in 1820.

In the city's early years, the rice mills and godowns (warehouses) that contributed so much to its prosperity were mostly on the opposite bank in what was a separate

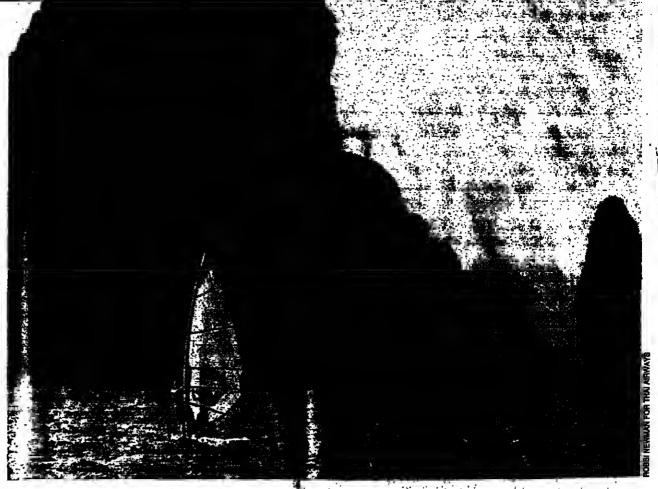
The highways of Bangkok are not streets or roads municipality called Thon Buri. The mills have gone, but many of the godowns remain, along with glimpses of splendid old Chinese houses. Another west-bank landmark is Santa Cruz Church, founded by Portuguese residents before Bangkok became the capital, and rebuilt several times, most recently in 1913.

Across the river from Santa Cruz is one of the original huildings of the Rachini School, the first Thai-operated school for girls, established during the reign of King Rama V in the late 19th century. Beside it, reflecting both past and present, is Pak Klong Talad, Bangkok's main wholesale market, to which buge quantities of fresh flowers, fruit and vegetables still come by boat from market gardens along the canals of Thon Buri.

The next part of the river offers access to some of Bangkok's leading attractions: on the west hank, the imposing towers of Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn, encrusted with bits of porcelain that flash in the morning sunlight; on the east, first Wat Po, the largest temple in the city, celebrated for its immense Reclining Buddha and school of traditional medicine, and then, emerging like a fabulous vision from behind a mundane modern building, the dazzling mile-square enclosure containing the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the greatest repository of classical Thai art and architecture.

After the palace, still on the Bangkok side, come Silpakom, or the Fine Arts University, housed partly in an old royal residence; Wat Mahathat, a leading center of Buddhist learning, which offers classes in meditation to foreign visitors; Thammasart University, the country's second oldest; and the National Museum, one of the largest in Southeast Asia. Across the river is Siriraj Hospital. Thailand's first modern hospital, noteworthy for containing no fewer than 10 museums, one of which is devoted to crime and displays the preserved bodies of several famous

Even on such a short trip along the Chao Phraya, one can get revealing glimpses of Bangkok's past and a sense of romance rarely experienced from the vantage point of its modern streets.



ADVENTURE ON A SAILBOARD OFF THE COAST OF THAILAND, WITH ISLANDS RISING SHEER IN THE BACKGROUND.

#### SPORTING SCENE INCLUDES GOLF, SAILING - AND KICK-BOXING

ports are a hig part of Thailand's obsession with sanuk, or fun. Every Sunday, except religious holidays, thousands of Bangkokians flock to the Royal Turf Club, the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, the Sanam Luang parade ground or to dozens of golf courses, tennis courts or parks to participate in or watch their favorite sports. Thousands more head for the beaches to swim, dive and para-sail. It is not just for fun. "The

Thais are very competisays Edward Thangarajah, sports editor music of the Bangkok Post. bout.

"They'll bet on two cock-roaches climbing up a wall, on which car will make it out of a traffic jam first."

Nowhere is this competitive spirit more apparent than at a muay Thai boxing match. Often the action in the stands is more interesting than in the ring. Punters wave their money and scream out ever-changing odds. The boxers, meanwhile, trade mean gan toh kicks and knee shots guaranteed to make even the seasoned Western boxing enthusiast wince. Adding to the mayhem is the highpitched, frenzied "boxing music" accompanies every

Lumpini boxing stadiums in central Bangkok. These are the Thai equivalents to Madison Square Garden. where the crème de la crème of the national circuit punch and kick it out. Upcountry, every Thai town has its own stadium, where young fighters battle for a shot at the big time.

Among martial arts aficionados, muay Thai is recognized as the toughest of them all. Before he gets in the ring, each Thai kick boxer goes through a 24hour-a-day, seven-day-aweek physical and spiritual training regimen. Without this training no one could survive the punishment of a

typical muay Thai bout. Visitors can observe Thai boxers at work at several of the most famous training camps, including the Chitralada Camp, off Rama 4 Road in Bangkok, and at the Galaxy Camp, across the Chao Phraya River in Thon Buri. The latter camp is named after Khaosai Galaxy, an international boxer who became a national hero by defending his world junior ban-

tamweight title 17 times. Visitors to Bangkok in: early December should not miss the traditional hoat races along the Chao Phraya River. The longboats have either 16 or 32 oarsmen. They hold practice races for several days up to Dec. 5, the birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, when the colorfully clad oarsmen race and take part

in a grand royal procession.

The traditional Thai sport of takraw is similar to volleyball except that a woven wicker ball is used instead of a rubber ball. And, as in Thai boxing, it is permitted to use the feet. 'Takraw is a very fast and exciting. sport,'

Thangarajah. "But so far, the tourists haven't caught on to it. I think it has a big potential as a spectator sport." The hest place to watch a takraw match in Bangkok is the National Stadium on Rama I Road.

Perhaps because Thai youth spend so much time kicking the takraw hall around, they are also skillful soccer player. Keen lages, towns and provinces. The Thai national team is a

The best places to view a regional powerhouse. top-notch musy Thai match. Thai tennis players, particuare the Rajdamnoen and larly the women, are also gaining in international

> Golf has become so popular that Thai politicians are expressing alarm about all the farm land that is being taken out of production to build courses. Memberships in the best country clubs are sold on an exchange like the stock market, at prices in the 2 million baht (\$80,000) range. Even so, the number of "golf tourists," particularly from Japan, has been rising fast.

The golf boom has been amazing in the last couple of years." Mr. Thangarajah says. "Golfers are coming from all over the world because our courses are some of the best in the world." Among the prime spots are the seaside Royal Hua Hin course, 150 kilometers (93 miles) southwest of Bangkok, and the spectacular Blue Canyon course on the sonthern resort

island of Phuket.

Phuket is also a mecca for yachting enthusiasts. The Royal Yacht Club on Phuket's Nai Harn Bay has everything the serious sailor or diver needs for a charter to the unspoiled waters of the Similan islands and beyond. Closer to Bangkok, Pattaya's Royal Waruna Yacht Cluh has world-class facilities for exploring the vast Gulf of Siam. Kch Samui, 250 kilometers south of Bangkok, also his a wide assortment of bolt charters and diving geat which can take a visitor b some splendid coral forms tions off nearby small islands.

In addition, Koh Sam is the center of the not-to be-missed sport of Thai style bullfighting. Instead matadors, Thai hulls figh each other. Two bulls at placed in a large ring sep rated by a curtain. Whe the curtain is pulled away the two bulls instinctive charge one another m a bar tle for territory. Naturally the betting that goes on during Koh Samui bullfights

The action in the ring ca be bloody as the bull horns probe for weaknes es, but unlike Spanish bull fights, the bulls usually de not die. One bull turns tai rivalries are played out and gallops out of the ring between neighboring vil-. The punters jump out of the

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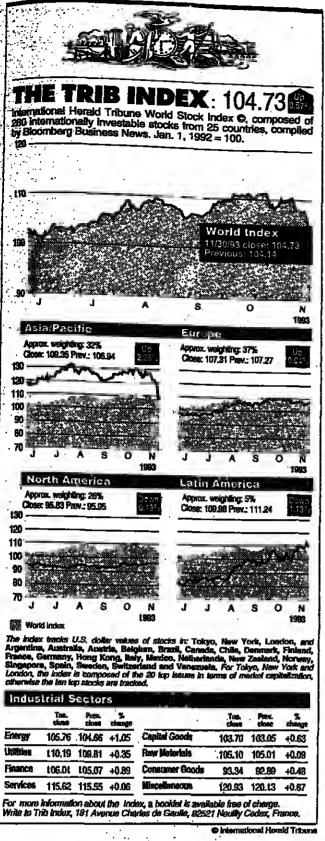
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## Airbus Laments Cuts in **Orders**

TOULOUSE, France - Airbus Industrie, the four-nation Europe-an consortium, said Tuesday it had received 20 more cancellations than new orders this year, high-lighting the severe recession in the

Jean Pierson, chairman of Air-bus Industrie, gave the figure at a ceremony handing over the first of a planned 50 medium-haul planes

Mr. Pierson said that talks had restarted for an order of A-319 planes from the French domestic airline Air Inter, an Air France

Airbus is a consortium made up

Mr. Pierson struck an aggressive note when discussing competition with Boeing Co., the chief rival of Airbus. He said he aimed for 50 percent of a world market shared equally with Boeing, rather than the current 30 percent goal.

"When you know your adver-sary, you cannot build a Maginot Line," said Mr. Pierson, "On the contrary, you have to go on the

■ Iberia Hopes to Cancel
Iberia SA, Spain's loss-wracked airline, said it wanted to lighten its financial burden by canceling a contract of 56 billion pesetas (\$400 million) with Airbus for eight aircraft, the Associated Press reported from Madrid.

According to Spanish press re-ports Tuesday, Iberia is also considering canceling its contract with Boeing for 13 aircraft. The company had agreed to buy 16 planes for already delivered three.

## Avoiding Tokyo's Cold

By Brett D. Fromson Washington Post Service NEW YORK — The most sur prising thing about the recent plunge in Japanese stocks may be what has not bappened — the panic in Tokyo has not spread to U.S. and European markets.

But why hasn't the 23 percent slide in the world's second-largest financial market since mid-September caused investors in other countries to sell stocks? The question intrigues some analysts, who until recently seemed worried that in the global economy of the 1990s, a sneeze in To-

on Wall Street.
The answer so far, according to

cline to a lessening of Japan's economic competitive edge relative to the United States and other nations. "The Japanese economy bas major long-term problems," said Abby Joseph Cohen, co-chair of the invest ment policy committee at Gold-man, Sachs & Co.

Over the same two-month period that the Nikkei average has plummeted 23 percent, the Dow Jones industrial average has gained more than 100 points.

Some analysts argue that the recent upward trend of the New

their current low levels, they say, investors might well respond to Tokyo's troubles by selling stocks and putting their money into sbort-term money market instruments such as certificates of deposit and Treasury bills. But with rates so low, U.S. stocks

still look like a better investment. Rising rates are unlikely. The world economy is sluggish; inflation is dormant and central banks have been keeping monetary reins

The Japanese economy has major long-term problems.

Abby Joseph Cohen, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

loose. That is far different from 1987, when a drop in the U.S. stock market did trigger a global financial panic - in part because interest rates were heading up.

"Usually, international self-offs like October 1987 occur when the world economy is robust, interest rates are rising, and central banks tighten monetary policy because they fear inflation," said Charles Clough, chief investment strategist at Merrill Lynch & Co. "Higher interest rates sipbon money away from stocks and burt investor confidence because higher interest rates lead sooner or

Some market analysts are still

sokawa had a workable plan for

pulling the economy out of its

The cabinet held an emergency

meeting Tuesday to discuss the

economic situation and after-

wards ministers sounded like they

were reading from a script written

by stockbrokers. Neatly every of-

ficial involved in economic affairs

abandoned the reserve they had

shown earlier and offered assur-

ances they were aware of the

depth of the economy's problems and that they would take mea-

"I am very concerned about

the market's movements." Mr.

Hosokawa said. "It is imperative

Hirohisa Fujii, the finance

to take all possible pump-prim-

minister, said he was watching

sures to give it new life.

ing measures."

Can Pump-Priming Boost Market?

deep recession.

worried that the decline in Japan could spread.

Mr. Biggs is concerned that the Japanese economic slow-

The rest of the world is taking what Mr. Biggs called a "fairly blase" attitude because when Japanese stocks fell hard in 1990, other markets recovered immediately. The Dow Jones industrial average has risen steadily since July 1990, while Japanese stock

that period of time because of falling interest rates and im-proved corporate profits. "The stock market is telling us that the U.S. economy is expanding," said Mr. Clough of Merrill Lynch.

tos being an excellent example." Another reason that Tokyo and Wall Street have been heading in different directions, according to some analysts, is that Japanese stocks remain overpriced, even after their recent price drops. The typical Japanese company trades for between 60 to 70 times earnings, according to Paul Isaac, chief economist at Mabon Securities.

"That is pricey by Western standards," he said. "The typical U.S. company trades for about

the markets with "utmost atten-

tion," while he was reported to have agreed with Hiroshi Kuma-

gai, the minister for international

trade and industry, to ease vari-

ous restrictions on land transac-

tions to give that deeply de-

pressed market a lift.
Mr. Hosokawa then told the

parliament he was prepared to

reduce income taxes next year to

boost consumer demand, one of

the economy's weakest sectors.

"Yesterday the government disappointed everyone because

they did not seem concerned,"

said Yuichi Matsushita, stock-

market strategist at Nikko Secu-

rices Co. "Today they seemed to

realize that they have to do

something. Lip service lasts just

a day or two, though They're

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"I think we were all caught out a bit by the reduction in public expenditures," Keith Wade, an economist with Schroder Economics, said. Analysts had expected tax increases of £2 billion to £3 billion to carry much of the burden of reducing Britain's government delicit. In the current

public borrowing as his central aim. "We must sort out the problem of public borrowing once and for all," he said. With the planned changes in spending and revenue, the chancellor forecast the deficit in employment and incomes, would shrink to £38 billion in the remains a question" whether the year beginning in April and would vanish by the end of the decade.

Still, Fabian Linden, executive di-

## Britain's Budget **Stresses Cuts Over New Taxes**

world aircraft industry.

to United Airlines at Airbus headquarters in Toulouse

subsidiary, and that a positive out-come could be expected soon. "I think you can expect some good news in the next few weeks, before Christmas in any case," he said.

of France's Aerospatiale, British Aerospace PLC, Construcciones Aeronauticas SA of Spain and the Deutsche Airbus unit of Germany's Daimler-Benz AG.

## Why Plunge in Stocks Hasn't Spread

strengths of the underlying econ-omies. If rates were to rise from

kyo could produce pneumonia

international investors and strategists, is that Japan's current problems are unique — overpriced shares, poor corporate earnings, banks with too many bad loans and a stagnant economy.

Investors also attribute the de-

York and London markets is mainly a result of low U.S. and British interest rates rather than any change in the relative

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service

ter the art of massaging investor

sentiment, the government re-versed on Tuesday its policy of

leaving the depressed stock mar-

ket to manage its own problems

by issuing a flurry of promises

that it would reinvigorate the

The sudden show of concern

heartened investors, helping buoy share prices modestly after the

steep plunge on Monday. The Nikkei 225-stock index climbed

However, analysts insisted

words would not be enough to

Support the market for long and investors would be waiting for

clear signs the government of

Prime Minister Morihiro Ho-

2.04 percent, to 16,406.54.

battered economy.

TOKYO - Struggling to mas-

"This is not the end of the world," said Barton Biggs, chair-man of Morgan Stanley Asset Management. "But il could slop over into other markets."

down means slower international growth, especially in Asia where the Japanese have recently

ivested much of their money.

prices have continued to fall. U.S. stocks have gained over "We are gaining market share in a oumber of export industries, au-

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribute LONDON - Britain's chancel-

lor of the exchequer surprised the nation Tuesday by unveiling a budget that was long on cost savings and short on tax increases. In his annual budget speech to Parliament, Kenneth Clarke an-nounced £1.75 billion (\$2.60 bil-

lion) in new taxes for next year and waited until the end of his speech to pull the rabbit from his hat, a sur-prising £10 billion in spending cuts over the next three years.

Those public-expenditure sav-ings dramatically reduced my need to raise taxes to get the borrowing requirement down," Mr. Clarke said. Throughout his 75-minute speech, the chancellor seemed to economy had been growing for six hint at a need for large tax increases, particularly extending the value-added tax to goods not now covered, such as books and magazines. Although the chancellor identi-

fied a "good" social security system as "an essential feature of a modern civilized state." he also said Britain's social security spending had been rising at an unsustainable annual tising at an unsustainable annual rate of 3 percent after inflation. To In Economy curb that rise, he announced bene-fits for the jobless would be paid for six months instead of 12 at present. Mr. Clarke moved to defuse a

dispute over the introduction of value-added tax on domestic fuel bills by offering a compensation package for those most likely to be affected by the measure, an-nounced in March. Long-lerm British government

bond futures surged during and after the budget speech.

year, the deficit is expected to total £50 billion, equivalent to 8 percent of gross domestic product.

Mr. Clarke identified reducing

tions in government spending, Mr. Clarke's budget seemed likely to win points with middle-class voters. Some politicians and economists expressed reservations as in how attainable those savings would be. "It will be extremely difficult to stick to those targets," Mr. Wade said.

Mr. Clarke's biggest tax increases were on gasoline, diesel fu-els and tobacco. Cigarette taxes will rise by 11 pence a pack. But for the first time in five annual budgets, the Treasury does not plan to increase the tax on beer.

Tuesday's budget speech came against a backdrop of improvement in Britain's economy, highlighted by a fall of 137,000 in the jobless total since January. Mr. Clarke said the successive quarters. He projected growth of 1.75 percent this year and 2.50 percent next year — figures were below many private forecasts.

## Confidence Rises in U.S.

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence leaped in November to its highest level since January, a sign that American consumers may be ready to start spending, the Confer-ence Board said Tuesday.

The business research group's index of consumer confidence rose to 71.2 from a revised 60.5 in October. The October reading had been reported as 63.8.

The index, in which the 1985 level of confidence is used as a base of 100, is derived from surveys of 5,000 bouseholds.

The increase in confidence may indicate that consumers are ready to make major purchases that they bad been postponing because of uncertainty about the ecocomy.

But Kathy Camilli, an economist at Maria Fiorini Ramirez Inc., cautioned that unless the confidence figures were supported by growth

Still, Fabian Linden, executive diliefs, he also forecast a steady drop Consumer Research Center, said the in government spending as a pro- magnitude of the gain - rarely seen portion of the British economy.

By putting so much of the burden on planned but unspecified reduction the way.

In the 25-year history of the survey — suggested better times may be on the way.

(Bloomberg, AP)

#### **MEDIA MARKETS**

## K-III Holdings Re-Emerges

By Deirdre Carmody

New York Times Service EW YORK -In early 1991, the rumor in the magazine world was about who might buy the publications that Rupert Murdoch was rumored to be selling. Because these included high-profile magazines like New York and Seventeen, major publishers in-cluding Hachette SA of France and Bertelsmann AG of Germany were said to be interested.

But the buyer turned out to be an outsider, a dark horse with no experience in consumer maga-zines. It was K-III Holdings, a partnership con-trolled by Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co., the New York-based leveraged-buyout specialists.

The group, which previously acquired trade magazines, encyclopedias and specialized directories, paid \$650 million for eight of the Murdoch magazines and the highly prolitable daily newspaper The Racing Form.
In late 1991, K-III further astonished the indus-

ry by naming Harry A. McQuillen, president of Macmillan Publishing Co. and a man with no experience in magazines, to head K-III Magazines.
Then K-III went into the shadows. Only now is it returning to the spotlight. "From a competitive perspective, K-III is considered real," said Leo Scallin, a magazine consultant. "They can buy and sell media, and they have a lot of clout in the marketplace. They compete with Hearst and Contile Nast on both a business

and a prestige scale, although consumers don't know them from Adam." But in an industry where the perception of a company is often as persuasive as its reality, some

say K-III's two years of quiet were a risk.

"They have set themselves to stay out of the limelight, which they have done successfully, although I am not sure that that's a good idea in the magazine business," said Roberta Garfinkle, vice

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president and director of print media at McCann-

Erickson Worldwide, the advertising agency.

"If their goal is to have this nice little magazine company that is there and hopefully makes them a profit, then that's fine. But if their goal is to make it a magazine company to be reckoned with and to compete with the big guys, I think it's high time

But, intentionally or not, K-III is back in the limelight. Since the end of September, it has been looking to fill the top editorial position at two of its magazines, New York and Seventeen.

Edward Kosner, the editor of New York for 13 years, left the magazine after being named editor of Hearst's Esquire. And K-III appointed Midge of riears's esquite. And k-in appointed whosetion of editor-at-large, saying that after 18 years it
was time for a change at the helm of the magazine.
Although Mr. McQuillen declined to mention
names, he said he had "seniously talked at some level
of discussion" to 10 or 12 people about Mr. Kosner's

"We are not talking about a dramatic change in the magazine's mission and focus," be said, "but we feel that we could have more excitement and

A strong contender for the job may be Peter Herbst, the acting editor, who has been with the magazine more than 10 years. Advertising and circulation have picked up during his short tenure as editor, and cover articles under his supervision. about Lauren Hutton, Barry Diller and surgery that

eparated Siamese twins have drawn attention.

When Mr. Diller, chairman of QVC Network When Mr. Diller, charman of QVC Network Inc., refused to pose for the magazine, Mr. Herbst used a news photograph showing a dispirited-looking Mr. Diller with his head in his hands, under the headline "Mogul in a Mess." It was seen in the industry as an onusually tough cover photo, one that Mr. Kosner might not have run.

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## Hong Kong to Allow 3 New Phone Firms

monopoly, allowing three new local

contenders to compete for local telephone services after 1995. The government said the move would save consumers 1.7 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$220 million)

Currently Hong Kong Telecom-munications Ltd., controlled by Cable & Wireless PLC of Britain, has an exclusive franchise for the network for fixed local telecom-

New T&T Hong Kong Ltd., a wholly owned unit of Wharf (Holdings) Ltd., is one licence winner while Hutchison Communications Ltd., 80 percent owned by Hong Kong's Hutchison Whampon Ltd. and 20 percent by Australia's government-owned Telstra Corp., is

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HONG KONG — The Hong World Telephoce Ltd., a company Kong government annonnced in which Hong Kong's New World plans Tuesday for a major liberalization of its telecommunications percent, Shanghai Long Distance Telephone controls 5 percent and Infa Telecom Asia Ltd. holds 3.5

The licences are subject to approval by the Chinese government because they will last beyond 1997, when the British colony is scheduled to be handed back to China.

Basic approval is expected in come through the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, a diplomatic body that meets three times a year to tackle technical aspects of the transition in 1997. It is to boldsa session in London next week.

Seven applications were made for the licenses when the government began accepting them last year. One applicant withdrew. The government said that the conditions of each licence must still

New T&T has proposed to use its existing cable television network in provide services to telephones, telefax machines and data terminals, the government said. Hutchison Communications will

target mainly the business sector, and New World Telephone is aiming at residential and small-busi-Arthur D. Little Inc., a consulting firm commissioned by the gov-ernment to study the local market,

projected that the market would double in inflation-adjusted terms over the next decade, to around 14 billion Hong Kong dollars.
Gordon Siu, secretary for economic services, said he hoped that approvals could be issued next year.
(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

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#### MARKET DIARY

## **Stocks End Mixed** On Economic Data

NEW YORK - Stocks closed mixed Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange as investors digested good economic news, coupled with a warning from the govern-

ment about inflation. The news added to an alreadycomplex investment picture that is

#### **N.Y. Stocks**

pulling stocks in different directions, analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.15 points, to 3,683.95. Declining shares outnumbered advancers on the New York Stock Exchange by a narrow margin.

Over-the-counter issues fared better, with the Nasdag composite index rising 7.15 points, to 773.52.

An article in the Washington Post suggesting that the accelerating economic recovery could lead to higher inflation sent the market for U.S. Treasury bonds plunging. pushing up the yield paid on those securities. That exerted downward

pressure on stocks. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was down 1 1/32 points at 99 7/32, to yield 6.30 percent.

Two positive economic reports added to the mix of influences. Chicago-area purchasing managers said regional business activity rose in November, Separately, the Conference Board, a business re-

search group, said its Consumer Confidence Index rose almost 11

points this month, a jump rarely seen in the 25-year history of the influential index.

Public Service Enterprise Group paced the New York Stock Exchange actives, down % at 32%. Its stock is expected to trade ex-dividend Wednesday.

Wal-Mart Stores followed, down 4 to 284 after a rating downgrade from Prudential Securities Inc.

Merck was third, up % to 34%. On Monday. Salomon Brothers raised its rating on Merck, saying it viewed the drug industry giant's merger with Medco Containment Services as positive for Merck's growth.

Among the oil issues. Dow com-ponents Exxon and Texaco were higher. Exxon rose % to 62%. Tex-

aco was up 4 to 6444.

Eleor Corp., which makes roofing and industrial products, plunged after it disappointed investors by announcing that it expected 1994 earnings to fall below the re-cord \$1.92 per share posted for its 1993 year, which ended in June. Elcor suggested analysts' estimates for earnings of \$2-\$2.10 per share were "too optimistic" for 1994. The

stock tumbled 4 to 18%. Tipperary led the American Stock Exchange actives, down sharply af-ter the Denver-based oil and gas company announced that its Comet Ridge No. 2 well in Queensland, Australia, failed to produce gas in commercial quantities. (AP. Knight-Ridder, UPI)

## Dollar's Rise Limited By Tietmeyer Warning

Committed by Our Staff From Disputches NEW YORK - Profit-takers shaved early gains for the dollar on Tuesday after Bundesbank Presideot Hans Tietmeyer said the Bundesbank would not be pushed into cutting German interest rates purely to spur economic growth.

The U.S. unit closed at 1.7150 Deutsche marks, off an intraday

#### Foreign Exchange

high at 1.7175 DM but still above its Monday close of 1.7095 DM.

The dollar had risen sharply early in the session after the announcement of stronger-than-expected Conference Board consumer confidence and Chicago Purchasing Managers index data. which confirmed an accelerating recovery in the U.S. economy.

Win Thin, an analyst at MCM after the market took Mr. Tiet-meyer's comment as an indiestion the Bundesbank was unlikely to cut

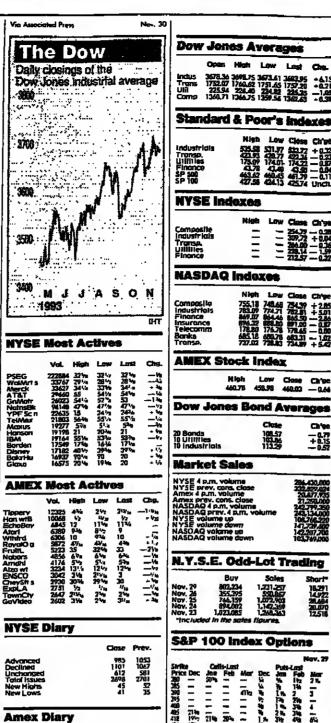
Amy Smith, a foreign exchange analyst at IDEA, said that interbank dealers who had been long dollars were unnerved by Mr. Tietmever's comment.

"They were just looking for an excuse in any case," she said. "The Tietmeyer speech was actually quite dovish regarding inflation and interest rates, compared to pre-vious times. Trading today was mostly technical, and when the 1.7185 level failed to break, the market took some profits."

Earlier in the day. Commerzbank predicted the Bundesbank would trim its Lombard and discount rate both charged on collateralized loans to German banks, by a quarter to half a point on Thursday.

The dollar also rose to finish at 1.4985 Swiss francs, up from a close at 1,4905 francs on Monday, and to 5,9250 French francs from 5.9010 francs. The dollar fell CurrencyWatch, said the dollar against the Japanese eurrency, had been sold off against the mark however, slipping to 109.05 yen

Sterling remained weak against the dollar and ended at \$1.4865, down from \$1.4895.



#### EC Divided on Aid to Airlines

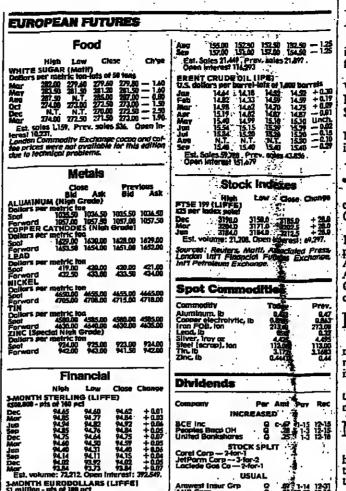
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**NASDAQ Diary** 

BRUSSELS — Transport ministers failed to agree Tuesday on whether to allow EC governments to help airlines with severe economic problems. Belgium, which currently holds the EC presidency, put forward a proposal to establish a general EC fund or other financial mechanism aimed as helping the air-transport sector, a spokesman for the Council of



## Farmland Buys Geneva Trader Kmght-Ridder

KANSAS CITY, Missouri Farmland Industries Inc. a farmer owned cooperative, said Tuesday is agreed to buy Tradigrain SA, ar international grain trader based in Geneva. Terms were not revealed.

Tradigrain, formerly owned by British Petroleum Co., specializes in international trading of wheat and corn. It had average annual sales of more than \$1 billion over the past 3 years.

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Nynex Weighs Raising Viacom Stake NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - Nymes Corp. said Tuesday it may increase its \$1.2 billion investment in Viacom Inc. and is prepared to forge stronger ties with the cable television conglomerate.

Nynex would not say how much more it may invest. Sources close to Viacoun, which is locked in a battle with QVC Neiwork Inc. to acquire Paramount Communications Inc., said Nynex may ante up an additional \$500 million to increase its stake in the cable television concern.

Nynex, the regional telephone company for much of New York State and New England, would not comment on whether plans to merease its involvement with Viacom were targeted at shoring up the Paramount bid.

#### Judge Clears Clifford of All Charges

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge dismissed bank fraud and bribery charges against Clark Clifford on Tuesday in the Bank of Credit & Commerce International scandal citing his advanced age and ill bealth.

Mr. Clifford, who is 86, and Robert Altman, 46, were indicted in July 1992 on charges of fraud and receiving bribes. The Washington law partners were accused of helping BCCI illegally get control of First American Bankshares, Washington's largest bank holding company, in August, Mr. Altman was acquitted after a four-month trial, but Mr. Clifford's case had been postponed after doctors testified that the Clifford's case had been postponed after doctors testified that the courtroom ordeal would endanger his life.

#### **Dell Results Cause Shares to Surge**

AUSTIN, Texas (Bloomberg) — Shares of Dell Computer Corp. surged nearly 12.5 percent on Tuesday after the company surprised Wall Street by reporting unexpectedly strong earnings only a quarter after it had suffered its first learner and the surface of the street of th reporting timespecterity strong an interporting timespecterity strong an interporting timespected as share. Its stock rose \$3, to \$27.125 a share.

Dell reported earnings totaled \$28.6 million in the third quarter. Even though this represented a drop of 58 percent from a year ago, the figure was more than 10 times what many analysts had expected. (Bloomberg, AP)

#### Mexican Bus Maker to Buy U.S. Unit

MEXICO CITY (Bloomberg) — Consorcia G Grupo Dina SA said it had reached an agreement to acquire Motor Coach Industries International Inc., the one-time Dial Corp. unit that was the bus-building arm of

the Greyhound bus line.

Under the terms of the agreement, a newly formed U.S. unit of Dina, a Mexican bus maker; would accept all of Motor Coach's outstanding common shares for a new class of Dina stock. Motor Coach shareholders would receive new stock worth \$16.72 for each Motor Coach share held, amounting to 13 percent more than Motor Coach's closing price of \$14.75. The offer comes a day after a Dallas investment group led by affiliates of the Mary Kay cosmetics empire said it held 5.7 percent of Motor Coach.

#### Owens-Illinois Forms Joint Venture

TOLEDO, Ohio (Bloomberg) — Owens-Illinois Inc., taking advantage of the strong demand for its pharmaceutical packaging and scientific laboratory products, said Tuesday it had agreed to form a joint venture with Gerresheimer Glas AG of Germany.

Under terms of the agreement, Gerresheimer will acquire a 51 percent stake in OI Kimble FTS Inc., an Owens-Illinois subsidiary, for an analysis of the strong of the state of the price.

undisclosed amount. He said that the company would disclose the price before the end of the year, when it expects to complete the transaction.

OI Kimble currently has annual sales of about \$200 million and employs about 2,000 people.

#### For the Record

Four Seasons Hotels, the operator of luxury hotels, said it has put properties in London, San Francisco, Austin, Santa Barbara and Vancouver up for sale to reduce its debt.

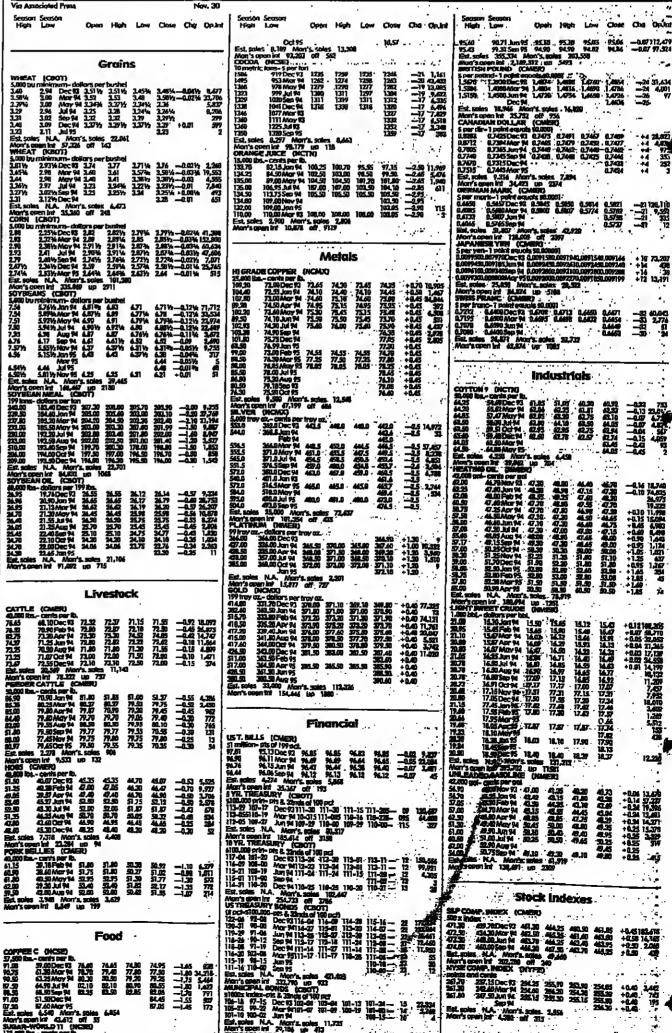
Mattel Inc. said it completed its \$1.2 billion purchase of Fisher-Price Inc., another toymaker. Mattel also declared a five-for-four stock split and said it planned to maintain a quarterly dividend of fi cents a share, resulting in a 25 percent increase in the dividend payout to shareholders starting in the second quarter of 1994. (Bloomberg)

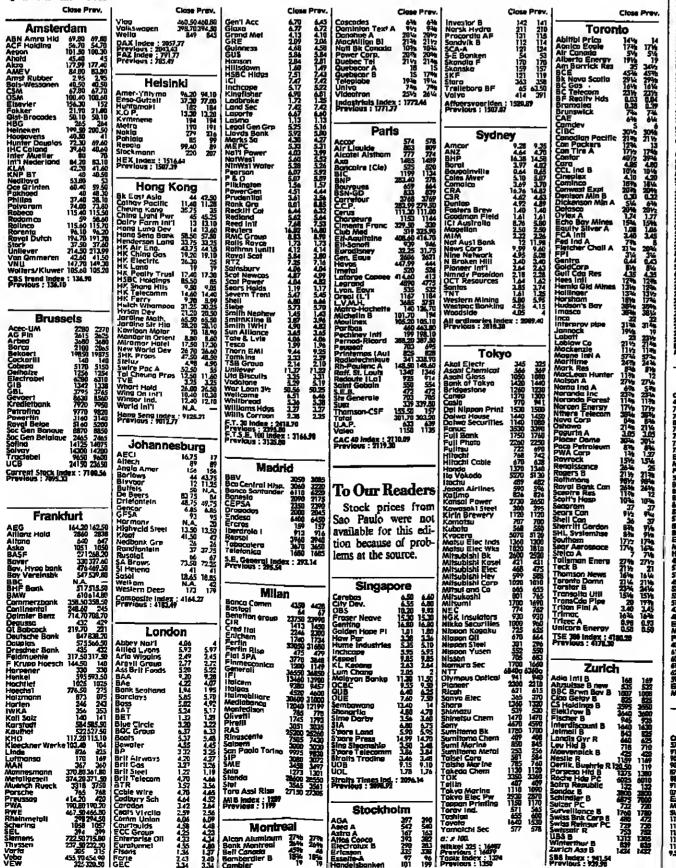
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## Sofia Retreats on Privatizations

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20 letters it sent the government requesting export and environmental licenses?

The president did not miss a beat. Yes, he said, Bulgaria is swamped with bureaucratic red tape, even corruption. He promised to

pass the matter on. The scene, played out at a recent interna-tional investment conference in Bulgaria, could easily be dismissed as one foreign investor's petty complaints. But Amylum is the government's showpiece of economic reform the first successful state-asset sale to a foreigner. Its problems, say consultants, bankers and even government officials, indicate Bulgaria's sales of state companies - sluggish

to begin with — may be grinding to a halt.
"The government does not want to priva-tize," said Alexander Boshkov, the former head of Bulgaria's privatization agency.

For a country buried in debt, with rising unemployment, staggering inflation and state

its four-year-old reform program, Western economists and analysts said.

formers over the direction of Bulgaria's eco-nomic future, a poor legal framework for selling state assets and a growing distrust of foreign investors and consultants.

The government this year canceled its planned sale of Balkan Balgarian Airlines, although several foreign banks and airlines

The government does not want to privatize.' Alexander Boahkov, former head of the privatization agency.

were interested. It also stalled a mass-privatization plan that was modeled on voucher pro-grams in Poland and the Czech Republic. Even the self-off of Bulgaria's hottest industry—tourism—has been delayed. At the invitation of the government, Arthur Andersen & Co., with backing from the European Community's PHARE program, launched a study on prospects for selling state assets in Bulgaria's launched Black Sea resorts, the luxurious Sheraton Hotel in Sofia and other tourist treasures. Now, the government will not

take the time to review the results. "I really think they're not willing to put up the companies for privatization because some of these people will lose their jobs," said Marcus Delouche, an Arthur Andersen con-

rope in 1989, Bulgaria has focused most of its reform efforts on returning buildings and land to their pre-Communist owners.

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Margaret Thatcher, is probably

A growing private sector, mostly small businesses, has emerged in Bulgaria, and now accounts for 20 to 30 percent of economic activity, according to John Wilton, the World Bank representative in Sofia. An agreement to reduce Bulgaria's \$9 billion debt to Western commercial banks is seen as a critical step for helping lure more investment.

But the country's underlying centralized structures remain intact. Some government officials even talk about "economic nationalism," a phrase that goes down particularly badly with foreign companies already doing business in the country, such as Shell Oil Co. and Coca-Cola Co.

"The privatization of the industrial sector is at a total standstill," said Ivan Stancioff, Bulgaria's ambassador to Britain. "In the meantime, the nation's capital in trained personnel, in plant and in equipment is evaporating, rusting and becoming obsolete.

With such a slow start in selling state assets Bulgaria's leaders and foreign investors have lauded the sale six months ago of the starch and sweetener making plant, Tsarevichni Produkti, to Amylum, a subsidiary of the British food company Tate & Lyle PLC.

It was the first of two large state company sales the government has completed. By all accounts, the deal was a nightmare to complete, involving negotiations with 97 creditors. After more than a year of negonations,

necessary licenses.

Amyhun offered to pay \$20 million for an 80 percent stake and spend another \$20 million on the plant within several years. With unemployment near 23 per-Yet six months after the agreement was cent and the economy stalled in the European recession, all sides had signed, Amylum still is fighting to secure the

## **Madrid Stocks Hit** By Failure of Talks On Social Accord

MADRID — Spanish stock differences among the three camps prices were lower Tuesday, depressed by worries about a general strike in January after the country's Ministry said the cabinet would

Labor, business and the government had been negotiating a plan to limit wage increases and loosen Spain's employment laws, which make it difficult to fire workers and impose other rules on companies.

Prime Minister Felipe González has set a deadline of Friday, after which he would impose government-mandated measures.

The government's proposals pleased neither husiness nor labor. Business leaders have said they do not go far enough, while unions on Monday threatened a general strike in January if the government did not withdraw its proposal.

In stock trading, the general in-dex fell 2.60 points, to 292,94, with banks pressured for the third straight day, Banco de Santander ended at 6,110 pesetas (\$43.60). down 110 pesetas, and Argentaria fell 140, to 6,010.

The falling stock prices reflected worries about the economy in general, as well as potential labor strife.

of hardened negotiators is that we

will have an agreement" by Dec.

15, the deadline set by the U.S.

Congress, Mr. Sutherland said. "I

believe the make or break of the

Uruguay Round is largely if not

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Mr. Sutherland said he was par-

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ed States was not going to surren-der its rights to use trade sanctions

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alone in making this demand, Mr.

Sutherland said. "The resolution of

this issue is going to be vital." he said.

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A spokesman at the Finance prospects for reaching a social pact appeared to have fallen apart. consider and in all likelihood approve the government proposals on Friday.

#### Unemployment In France at 12%

The Associated Press PARIS - France's jobless rate climbed to 12.0 percent in October from 11.8 percent in September, as the number of unemployed workers rose by 40,300, the Labor Ministry announced Tuesday.

A total of 3.282.500 French citizens were registered with the National Agency for Employment last month, the ministry said. The figures were a sign that an

apparent rebound in the economy in the second quarter did not take hold. Early indications for October had been negative, including a 1.2 percent drop in household consumption from September. Consumers' fears of losing their jobs has been a key reason for low household spending. The Labor Ministry said more than 50,000 workers were laid off for economic reasons in October.

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• Skandia AB, an insurer with a 4.1 percent stake in Volvo AB, said would oppose Volvo's planned merger with Renault SA.

· Accor SA, the French hotel compnany, and Ifil SpA, a holding company controlled by the Agnelli family of Italy, said they and other investors had bought a 51 percent stake in the Hungarian hotel group Pannonia. • The EC Commission said it was clearing a Continental AG subsidiary's acquisition of a controlling interest in J.H. Benecke, currently controlled by DG Bank Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank of Frankfurt.

• France will offer to exchange ERAP-Eff oil certificates for shares in Société Nationale Elf Aquitaine after privatizing the oil concern, the Finance Ministry said. ERAP is a state holding company that has the state's 50,79 percent stake in the oil company Elf.

 Finnair said it swung to a six-month profit of 89.8 million markka (515.4 million) from a loss of 197 million markka a year earlier.

 LOT, the Polish airline, said talks between it and British Airways over rights to fly passengers between North America and Poland via London

## Ferruzzi Capital Plan Cleared

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN — Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA shareholders on Tuesday approved a capital call aimed at sav-

ing the group from bankruptcy. Shareholder approval of the 2.48 trillion lire (\$1.46 billion) capital

of the money is expected to come from a rights issue subscribed to by creditor banks.

"Allow me to breath a deep sigh of relief," said Ferruzzi's chairman, Guido Rossi, who had been appointed by its creditors.

SpA, the group's main industrial arm, will be asked to vote on a similar capital increase Wednesday, to complete the actions needed to put the rescue of Italy's secondlargest private company into prac-

## Some Blame Bureaucracy, Others Cite Fear for Jobs

Bloomberg Business News

SOFIA — Standing in the glaring lights of
Bulgarian television, before dozens of foreign
bankers and managers, President Zhelyu Zhelev smiled proudly, then asked for questions.

Up jumped an angry Stoimir Djoudjev,
representing Amylum NV, the Belgian company that in May bought a bankrupt Bulgarian starch and sweeteners manufacturer: Why,
Mr. Djoudjev demanded, had Amylum still
not received its property deed or responses to
20 letters it sent the government requesting

industries desperate for cash, Bulgaria's reluctance to sell state companies threatens the

Most attribute the hold-ups to political bickering between ex-Communists and re-

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collects roughly one-third of its

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moves from buying big-profit large computers to low-profit desktop

For all the talk of a single market

isr Europe, IBM has opted to carve

up the Continent country by country. Each capital has an IBM subsidiary, whose president "owns" most IBM sales there and reports

to European beadquarters in Paris.

This structure is in part because

offers a test of whether it can learn

Repairing Europe, where IBM

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IBM: Rough Times in Europe for the Computer Maker GATT: A Ray of Hope From U.S. Europeans vary widely in computframe hardware sales nearly halved er-buying habits. Britam, first to from \$5 billion in 1991 to \$2.9

> furthest along in the computing equivalent of deregulation, desktop machines. Companies and univer-sities are rushing to replace mainbut not nearly enough to offset the frames and get on with the new European IBM employees are technology.
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> One thing is true almost everywhere: Europeans love IBM's midworrying about job security, teleoning contacts in other compa-

> nies to ask for job leads, size line of computers known as the Today, IBM is pressing on with AS/400. By one estimate, about 60 its move to whittle down manufacpercent of the machines' worldwide turing's share of its revenue pie. It annual sales of approximately \$14 now stands at about 50 percent, according to Mr. Henkel, Hot now The real crisis for IBM did not are fields in which it has rare talset in mtil 1992. Britain went into ents and experience. In a perforrecession, then Germany and mance it would like to replicate in France. Capital spending dropped the United States, it has become fast, hitting especially hard at a the largest professional services company specializing in selling macompany in Europe, with sales of chines worth millions of dollars. about \$2 billion in 1992, a rise of 22 Dataquest Inc., a California re- percent. Software's rise was less

search company, estimates main-successful, about 7 percent.

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nation General Agreement on Tarbillion in 1992. The AS/400 sales iffs and Trade. dropped from \$2.4 billion to about \$1 billion. The company gained sales in workstations and services Peter Behr of The Washington Post reported earlier:

Peter Sutherland, the GATT director-general, said Tuesday that the United States and Europe must move immediately to resolve their differences if the negotiations are to succeed.

"We are very close to a cutoff date now." Mr. Sutherland, speaking from Geneva, said in a telephone interview with reporters in Washington, Until the administration of President Bill Clinton and to respond to dumping of low-the European Community close the priced imports or subsidized comgap between them a completion of the worldwide talks in Geneva is impossible, he said.

Mr. Sutherland turned up the heat on both Sir Leon and Mr.

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#### CLT, Reuters Join Polish TV License Fray

The Associated Press WARSAW — CLT Multi Media of Luxembourg, Reuters Holdings PLC and 22 Polish investors unveiled plans Tuesday to enter the race for Poland's first nationwide private television station.

The station would compete with two public channels. CLT has a 25 percent share in the venture, Reuters has 8

percent, while Polish investors, including media and advertising companies, own the rest. The National TV and Radio Council has said it would grant only one license for a nation-

for the rescue operation. wide network. Other applicants include Bertlesmann AG and

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#### Mitsubishi **And Daimler Set Accords**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disper-BERLIN — Daimler-Benz AG and Mitsubishi Corp. announced Tuesday that they had reached several cooperation agreements.

They include accords to transfer semiconductor technology, to give a Mitsubishi unit responsibility for marketing a process developed by the Daimler unit Mercedes-Benz AG and an Austrian partner for recycling automobiles, to give Mercedes-Benz the rights to assemble and market Mitsubishi pick-up trucks in South Africa, and to jointly conduct a feasibility study on recycling waste plastics. Few de-tails were given about the new

Daimler-Benz and Mitsubishi began doing business together in 1987, when Mitsubishi Motors agreed to help sell Mercedes-Benz cars in Japan.

The companies, the largest in Germany and Japan, said at the time that they hoped to launch a range of projects, including cooper-ation in aerospace, but skeptics long questioned whether the relahip was functioning well in the absence of many concrete signs of cooperation. (AFX, Bloomberg)

## India's Tata Faces a Fight **Problems Swell After Death of Chief**

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BOMBAY — India's biggest business concern, the Tata group, may face a struggle to retain its position in the country's corporate world after the th of its chairman, J.R.D.

Tata, analysts said.

They said Mr. Tata's death Monday had come just as the group faced its stiffest challenge yet from foreign competition in the wake of India's free-market moves to open up its economy.

Mr. Tata had headed the Tata
group for half a century. The
Bombay Stock Exchange was

closed Tuesday in his memory Tatas, with annual sales of \$5 hillion, also faces internal prob-lems linked to its being reorga-nized to face foreign competition after Mr. Tata handed over the

running of the group to a rela-tive, Ratan Tata, in 1991. "Things have not gone smoothly or with dignity for the Tata group in the last two years," India's leading business newspaper, The Economic Times, said in an editorial.

Many of the conglomerate's largest companies, from cars to

steel, are reporting failing profits as India removes protectionist

"Increased competition and changes in the country's tariff structure seem to be hurting the Tata group companies," said M. Alarkan. an analyst with the-Parag Parikh brokerage.
For the six months ended

Sept. 30, Tata Iron & Steel Co. reported a 90 percent drop in profit, Associated Cement Cos. reported a 36 percent drop, and Tata Engineering & Locomotive Co. announced profit far below its peak of two years ago. Ratan Tata has blamed cuts in

government spending on infra-structure projects. There is a decline to the country's economic activity which hits us the most, being in the core sector," he said. Rafiq Dossani, a director of Jardine Fleming India Ltd., said the government was a major buyer of the group's products, but, having cut taxes, it has stopped funding infrastructure projects."

He said the government consumed nearly 35 percent of the steel, half of the cement and most of the trucks made in India, add-

ing, "From that level it has come down to nearly nothing."

According to Tata mana Ratan Tata has shifted the group's focus from heavy industry to information technology, telecommonications and automobiles. This year, he got nid of the foundering detergents and toilet-ries maker, Tata Oil Mills Co. which was acquired by Hindustan Lever, a subsidiary of Unilever.

Tata Industries Ltd., one of the group's holding companies, has set up Tata Information Systems Ltd. in partnership with Interna-tional Business Machines Corpand Tata Telecom Ltd. is collaborating with American Telephone & Telegraph Co. to make tele-

phone switching equipment.

Tata Iron & Steel is implementing a 50 billioo rupee (\$1.61 billion) plan to expand its capac-ity to 3 million metric tons from 2 million, which analysts say is one reason its profit was low.

"What Ratan Tata has to do is take a few more risks, push his companies harder for growth and retain the decentralized functioning of the group," one

## Seoul Official Says Rice Import Ban May Have to End

SEOUL -- An influential South Korean newspaper said Tuesday that government officials were starting to believe the country's ban on rice imports would have to be lifted.

The oewspaper, Joongang Ilbo, quoted a high-ranking official of the Agriculture and Fisheries Ministry as saying it was becoming im-possible to uphold South Korea's traditional resistance to the opening of its rice market.

"Our government's position [of opposing rice imports] is still the same," he said. But be added that, "looking at all that has recently happened," it was becoming "very difficult to keep" the ban in place.

A spokesman at the ministry refused to comment, saying the re-marks reflected the individual view of one official. But it was the latest crack to appear in the govern-ment's traditional wall of opposition to rice imports.

The South Korean government, citing dependence of its farmers on the rice crop, prohibits all imports,

although rice is far more expensive in South Korea than elsewhere. like South Korea has long banned rice imports — a Cabinet member indicated Japan might compromise on the issue.

As a group of lawmakers began a 48-hour hunger strike Tuesday to the parliament building as a protest, reports continued to circulate that government made a deal with Washington to allow imports of up to 8 percent of rice consumption. Earlier, another group of law-

makers submitted a resolution to Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa demanding that he not allow rice imports. While the government has denied it has accepted a "minimum-access"

plan for imports, Kosuke Uehara, director-general of the National Land Agency, said he believed its acceptance might he unavoidable.

"While it is important to protect leaves, parional interests, we may

Japan's national interests, we may well come to the point where we must consider toternational cooperation," Mr. Uchara said. (Reuters, AP, NYT)

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#### **Very briefly:**

Hanwa Co.'s chairman was arrested on charges of diverting millions of dollars of foreign currency to buy a villa in Los Angeles. Kim Seung-yeon,
 head of one of Korea's largest companies, was charged with violating

Malaysia Airlines said pretax profit plunged 96 percent to the six months ended Sept. 30, to 6.34 million ringgit (\$2.47 million) from 149.34 million, because of "intense price competition" in the world airline todustry. Sales rose 4.1 percent, to 2.02 billion ringgit.

 Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. has set up a venture with Xiamen Torch Co. to build paint-finishing plants for the Chinese anto industry.

 New Oji Paper Manufacturing Co. said its chairman, Toshihiko Kawamura, would resign to take responsibility for investment losses. Exxon Corp. signed a contract to explore for oil and gas to the East China Sea, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

 Kowloon Motor Bus Co. has scrapped plans to redevelop its bus depots in Kwun Tong and Kwai Chung and has sold the sites for 1.73 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$224 million) to Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd.

 Lockheed Foreign Enterprise Co., a unit of Lockheed Corp., has received permission to invest \$23.4 million to Taiwan to provide aircraft technology support services, the Investment Commission said.

 California Energy Co. pledged to lovest \$800 million in geothermal power plants in Java in cooperation with the Association of Retired Military Businessmen, an Indonesian executive said. AP, Bloomberg, UPI, AFP

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## JAPAN: Officials Consider Adopting Deficit Spending to Boost Economy

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spending curbs. By 1991, the government's deficit was down to zero; it has not borrowed a yen for operating expenses since then. Japan is the

only one of the G-7 group of rich nations currently running a budget surplus.

The elite graduates of Japan's top colleges who hold coveted jobs as Finance Ministry hureaucrats consider this their shining achieve ment. In the ministry's proud budget bureau, virtually every official can quote in English, a comment by British economic journalist Bill Emmott: "Japan's Finance Ministry is the envy of the world."

"The bureaucrats' basic view," noted Hiroshi Kumagai, the minister of international trade red ink is a drug and you better not start because you'll get addicted."

But many people - President Bill Clinton among them — have argued that this firm aversion to deficit financing is a mistake for a country mired in recession. "It's kind of amazing," said a top U.S. diplomat here, "to see a modern developed country that has evidently never heard of Lord Keynes."

John Maynard Keynes argued that govern-ments should balance budgets during healthy economic periods but should be willing to run up deficits now and then to boost an ecocomy

The Finance Ministry has had enough clout

and industry and a former bureaucrat, "is that for the past three years to repel Keynsian spending programs.

But the bad news is so widespread here that the government may be ready to venture toto the red, the media reported Tuesday. If Mr. Hosokawa were to agree to deficit spending there are various proposals around

for how he might use the money. The most likely option is an income-tax cut, with rate reductions geared mainly toward hig incomes. But some analysts say the impact would come too late to help the stock market.

Other proposals floating around would set up an emergency jobs program for farmers, a ew public works program, or government purchases of products of ailing industries.

#### **MARKET:** Can Tokyo Help?

Continued from Page 9 going to have to do something sub-

The depth of the economy's problems were clear Tuesday in two key reports. The government said unemployment rose to 2.7 percent, the highest level to nearly six vears.

In addition, the government said industrial production fell 5.1 percent in October from the previous

#### Philips to Construct Taiwan Monitor Plant

TAIPEI - Philips Electronics NV announced Tuesday plans for a 9 billion Taiwan dollar (\$334.1 million) computer monitor component factory, making it one of the company's largest recent investments.

The facility is intended to supply local monitor makers, which as a group are expected to control a major share of the world monitor market in the next several years.

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect the trades eisewhere. Via The Associated Press

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## Half the Huskies **Could Have Won**

Virginia, with four starters back from the team that advanced to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 last season, was expecting hig things when it opened its season in the very friendly confines of University Hall in Charlottesville.

And what the Cavaliers got was a record blowout, However, it was unranked Connecticut that rolled tn a 77-36 victnry Monday night. The first thing I know, we're up 20, then 25, then 30, and all I can

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

remember thinking is that it couldn't be happening this easy," said Kevin Ollie, who scored 12 of his 16 points in the first half as the Huskies (2-0) took a 29-point lead and never let Virginia threaten. Connecticut, applying pressure defense, finished with 32 fast break points in snapping the Cavallers' 18-game home winning streak against nonconference foes.

Virginia, in posting its lowest point intal since it started playing in University Hall 29 years ago, also experienced its most lopsided loss there. The previous worst was a 99-73 loss in Kentucky in 1965, the first game played there.

"I want to apologize to everybody who was here tonight for having to sit through something like that," said Virginia's coach, Jeff Jones. "We stunk the place up."

Virginia committed 20 turnovers and made just 12 nf its 53 field goal attempts, or 23 percent. The Cava-Jiers had just 25 rebounds to the Huskies' 59, and Connecticut had 18 assists to Virginia's four.

They did exactly what we anticipated," Jones said, "We were prepared for the press and for everything else they did. We just got

"I've been there," said Connecti-cut's coach, Jim Calhoun, whose used 11 players for at least 11 minutes apiece. "We took a 16-1 team into Madison Square Garden and lost hy 33 points" to Saint John's, "so I sympathize with Jeff. But I must say that during the game, I wasn't feeling any sympathy."
The Cavaliers also lost junior

#### Clippers' Webber **Out Indefinitely** With Ankle Sprain

The Associated Press OAKLAND, California — Chris Webber, the star rookie of the Goldeo State Warriors who missed most of training camp because of an appendectomy, will be sidelined indefinitely with a sprained ankle.

"His status is day to day," said a team spokesman, David Hatfield. Webber was examined Monday by team doctors, who confirmed the initial diagnosis. Webber sprained his left ankle during Sunday night's game in Detroit when the fell over Bill Laimbeer of the Pistons. X-rays showed no break.

Wehber had injured the same ankie during training camp and missed Golden State's first two

point guard Cory Alexander, the team's scoring and assist leader from a year ago, to a twisted ankle just before the midway point of the first half.

No. 2 Arkansas 93, Murray St. 67; The Razorbacks (1-0) opened their new home, 19,200-seat Walton Arena, with a 13-0 run to start

the game and cruised from there.
No. 5 Michigan 84, Cleveland St.
71: The Wnlverines (2-0) trailed by 37-29 at halftime of their home opener, but went on a 35-15 run midway through the second half to take control. Juwan Hnward led Michigan with 25 points. Reggie Welch tied a career-high with 22

points for the Vikings (0-2).
No. 8 Oklahoma State 94, Oral Roberts 52: Bryant Reeves had 24 points and Brooks Thompson added 20 fnr the Cowboys (3-0), who closed the first half with a 22-0 run to take a 48-21 lead. They have beaten the Titans by a total of 87 points the last two seasons.
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pi Valley State 63: The Golden Go-Lenard and Randy Carter each had 16 points for Minnesota.

No. 22 George Washington 85, suddenly it's in jeopardy. American University 50: Yinka



#### Death Comes Suddenly On Sydney Golf Course

Greg Norman (back to camera, wearing hat) helps minister to Harry Watts, a prominent Australian businessman who was stricken with a beart attack Toesday and died on the Lakes course in Sydney. Watts, 51, the managing director of the Woolworths food group, collapsed on the 14th fanway while playing with Norman in a pro-am prelude to the Greg Norman Open. Norman called for an ambulance on his mobile phone, while a spectator began cardio-polanonary resuscitation attempts, in vain.

## Far From the Days of the 2-Hand Set Shot, Red's Record Lives

By Dave Anderson

New York Times Service NEW YORK - In pro basketball's piophers (3-2) started the game with a neer years, the Caps had nothing to do 26-2 run and went on to set a school with salaries and everything to do with a record with 13 3-pointers. Voshon 31-year-old coach named Red Anerbach.

mard and Randy Carter each had points for Minnesota. When the Washington Capitols opened the 1948-49 schedule with 15 consecutive No. 19 Arizona 106, Baylor 79: victories, Red Auerbach's team set a re-Khalid Reeves had 21 points for cord for a winning streak at the start of a Arizona, which opened its season season. As one of the oldest lines in the at home with a pressure defense National Basketball Association ledger, and took over in the first half. that record has endured for 45 years. But

If the Houston Rockets defeat the Mil-Dare had 21 points to lead the wankee Bucks in Houston on Tuesday Culmials (1-0) in their fourth night for a 14-0 start, they will have an straight victory in the crossstown opportunity to match the Caps' record on rivalry in Washington, D.C.

No. 23 Cincinnati 73, Wyoming

49: Dontonio Wingfield had 28 points and 12 rebounds for the unit of the control of the control

Bearcats (2-1), whn shot just 35 bach was saying from his home in Wash-percent against Wyoming's zone ington. "It's harder because there's more parity, but it's not harder now because it

was harder to win on the road then. The officials were different then. Officials have such security in their jobs now, they're

tougher on the home teams." It's as if Caps was short for a time capsule that had been opened. Instead of mping rock music, soaring slam-dunks and chartered jetliners, pro basketball in those early years of the NBA meant smoky arenas, two-hand set shots and train rides. Instead of Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley and Patrick Ewing it meant George Mikan, Boh Davies and Joe Fulks.

ball also meant Arnold (Red) Auerbach. Now the Boston Celtics' president, he will always be known best for having constructed the Celtic dynasty, for having snatched the rights to Bill Russell in a trade with the St. Louis Hawks, for having drafted Larry Bird, who still had another season at Indiana State. But in 1948 he had

And then as ever since then, pro basket-

themselves into shape, but I wanted my players to come into camp in good shape and then get themselves in top shape. After awhile, the other teams caught on."

Auerbach's teams in Boston were always at their best in the playoffs, winning nine championships. But it's no coinci-dence that the NBA's second-longest streak at the start of the season is 14 games, set by Auerbach's first reigning champion Celtics in the fall of 1957, a year after Russell joined Bob Cousy, Bill Sharman and Tom Heinsohn.

"Arnold stressed getting the guys in shape more than anything else," Cousy has said. "He liked to get out of the box early."

Once the Celtics were hoping to tie what was then the NBA's record of 18 consecutive victories, set by the Rochester Royals

geared the Caps to their 15-0 start.

"In those days," he recalled, "other coaches believed in their players playing "But when you go and try to do it, it doesn't happen," Aucrbach said. "We were going for 18 in Detroit, which had

one of the worst teams in the league. The night before, I told the gays, "Let's stay in tomeht and watch TV; I'll buy the beer and pretzels. That's what we did. But the next night we lost."

Though winning their division by six. games, Auerbach's streaking Caps skidded to a 38-22 finish in that 1948-49 season, then eliminated the Philadelphia Warriors and the Knicks in the playoffs, but lost the championship final to the Minneapolis Lakers in six games. Six years before the 24-second shooting clock, Mikan, a 6-foot-10-inch center, had averaged 28.3 points as the Lakers averaged 84 points.

But when Mike Uline, the Caps' owner, refused to give Anerbach a three-year contract, he departed. Midway in the 1950-51 season the Cars disbanded, but by then. Auerbach, an assistant at Duke briefly before coaching the Tri-Cities Blackhawks, had become the Celtics' coach.

"Boston is where I started lighting up cigars on the beach when I knew we had

When the Basketball Association of America was formed for the 1946-47 season, Aperbach had sold himself to Uline as the Caps' first coach, then signed some of that era's best players, notably Bob Feerick, Fred Scolari and Bones McKinney.

The season the Caps had the streak, Anerbach said, "Sonny Hertzberg was the first 'sixth' man."

Hertzberg, now a managing director at Bear Steams, had played for City College and the original Knicks. The best teacher I ever had was Nat

Holman," Hertzberg said of his City College coach, "but Red Auerbach was the best coach. Red conkittell you where all 10 players had been ou the court after a play. And when Red Auerbach was reminded about his 15-0 start, he told you how the

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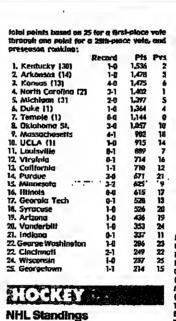
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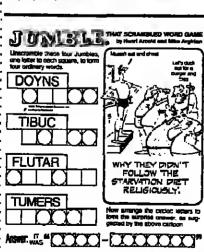
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## **SPORTS**

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## The Quiet Hero

L ONDON — The sporting good life can turn wickedly transient, as Paulo Futre has discovered: Two minutes after celebrating his debut goal in Italy for Reggiana, Futre tore ligaments in his right knee. Whether he scores again is now a medical matter.

That is soccer's way. It raises a man to exaltation and cuts him down through the fickleness of the flesh. The tranma comes with the honor. Right now, Roberto Baggio of Juventus is being fitted for the crown of European footballer of the year. But Marco van Basten, the player who has worn the title through 1993, has spent the greater part of his year riddled by pain and concern as to his future.

Doctors in Italy and Belgium have warned van Basten that the accumulated damage in his right ankle can tolerate no more abuse. If he tries to shortcut nature's healing processes, as be did in the past, the tissues could be heared specific. tissues could be beyond repair.

His season with AC Milan, and his World Cup campaign with the

Netherlands, are receding dreams to the world's best goalscorer, who has said, "I can't believe my career is going to end like this." If van Basten is wise enough, or frightened enough, he will allow the pace of his recuperation to be set by Marc Martens, whose surgical skills and after-care helped Rmid Gullit salvage his career. Van Basten, 29, has a special talent, a brain that can think in a fraction

Rob Hughes

of the time it takes others to react. This should, by now, have made van Basten financially independent. He has been Europe's player of the year three times — and his chance of a fourth demands the patience to suspend time, to rest for as long as it

takes.

Meanwhile, Baggio will be confirmed as van Basten's successor as soon as France Fontball gets around to announcing its poll. A French TV station leaked the news after word spread that Baggio had sat for the official photograph with the Golden Ball trophy.

Secrets are as hard to keep in soccer as the flesh is hard to protect. However, the move Baggio made from Fiorentina to Juventus three years

ago was a masterpiece of intrigue,

It was sealed in the dead of night, a month before the 1990 World Cup.

A red, chauffeur-driven Lancia cruised up to Baggio's mansion and out stepped Luca di Montezemolo, the director general of Italia '90, and

nowadays president of Ferrari.

Montezemolo is hardly a man to send on a secret mission. His profile at

the time was higher than Baggio's. Yet his persuasive charm was needed to pull off the deal because Count Flavio Pontello, the Fiorentina president, had refused to speak to Juventus. "I went to the Baggio house at 12 o'clock in the night because it had to

be done quietly," says Montezemolo. Money was not the problem.

Juventus paid a world record fee — 11 billion lire plus the transfer of Renato Buso — the equivalent to \$12 million to Fiorentina. Baggio accepted a three-year contract at \$1 million, phis bonuses each season. When daylight brought the announcement that Baggio, the idol of Florence, had gone, the notorious ultras rioted with such venom that 51

people were hospitalized. Count Pontello, the subject of their wrath, did not last long as Fiorentina's president. But if the parting had weighed on Baggio, it did not show at the World Cup, where he scored the most memorable goal of the 1990 tournament, moving from the halfway line through three Czechoslovak defenders to shoot majestically past the goalkeeper, Jan

Yet there was an inconsistency about Baggio then, a suspicion that his hypnotic movement and God-given control were incompatible with Italian play. Azeglio Vicini, the 1990 team manager, said so. "Baggio," he stated, "is a dilemma for us - a sort of land mine in the

E XIT VICINI. Roberto Baggio is today the Italian team. The catalyst, the playmaker, goal scorer, and captain. Arrigo Saachi, who relieved Vicini of the team management, has reversed the dilemma. His selections have varied through 64 players in 19 international squads, but Baggio has,

injury apart, always been the No. 10. The quip by Michel Platini, a previous Juventus star, that Baggio was "a number nine and a half," neither creator nor striker, has been buried. Baggio steals goals of rare beauty. His ratio has crept up on us. He has hit a century of goals in the Italian first division in almost exactly 200 matches. And his 19 goals in 31 games for Italy is just one goal short of the number amassed by Paolo Rossi, the god of the 1982 World Cup, in

Statistics do not begin to define Baggio. He still cannot be pinned down to oxthodoxy, opponents still cannot be sure where he will pop up. and he finds space with the instinct of geese gliding in arrow formation. Even Gianni Agnelli, the paymaster at Juventus and Ferrari, has grown content with Montezemolo's expensive acquisition. "I've never really liked Baggio's ponytail," Agnelli said, "but if he goes on like this, he can grow dreadlocks for all I care."

That approval came after Baggio transcended the UEFA Cup final in May, when Juventus won, 6-1, against Borussia Dortmund, "I have been spoiled in my time," Agnelli admitted, "I have had Sivori, Charles, Bettega, Brady and Platini in my teams."

It was a while before Giovanni Trapattoni, the demanding coach at Juventus, also put Baggio on a pedestal. Indeed, Baggio, an artist who needs appreciation, had once quietly gone to the home of Montezemolo

seeking reassurance. Shortly afterward, Trapattoni, also taken back to Juventus by Montezemolo, said: "Roberto has shown that he can become one of the greatest players in the history of fontball."

That, from the arch disciplinarian of coaching, is as high as praise comes. Trapationi knows, and certainly Baggio knows, that fleeting soccer startion is won on perseverence.

Baggio's youth was as pained as van Basten's latter years have become.

At 15, at 17, and then for two years of 1986 and '87, his career was threatened by injuries unsurprising in an athlete who stands 5 feet, 7 inches and weighs barely 158 pounds (1.70 meters, 71.7 kilograms).

That Baggio, 26, is on the threshold of world recognition testifies in Harge measure to the observation, before his hirth, from Thomas Edison, that "genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." AND THE CONTROL OF TH Rob Hughes is on the stuff of The Times.



#### China Mines Its First Gold at the Asian Track and Field Games

The Chinese team in Manila on Tuesday, where it was expected to dominate the 10th Asian Track and Field Championships. China picked up the gold in women's discus, with Cao Qi's winning throw of 61.58 meters. Saad Cheddad Mouzaaze of Saudi Arabia won the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 8:32.08. The Chinese team features Wang Junxia, the women's world record holder in the 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters, and Qu Yunxia, with the 1,500-meter women's record.

#### Court in Istanbul Orders Release Of the 6 Jailed Manchester Fans

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ISTANBUL - A Turkish court ordered the release Tuesday of six Manchester United soccer fans who had been jailed for nearly a month on charges of ransacking a hotel.

The six, taken from jail to a criminal court under tight security, were accused of disorderly 

Phipps, 30, all from Birmingham, Judge Necati Ascioglu ordered their release for lack of evidence that any particular defendant caused the property damage. The court will continue to investigate who was responsible for the violence, the judge said.

As the six left the court, they were jeered by a group of Turkish onlookers.

England's Savage Tamed

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Joe Savage, who has billed himself as England's bare-knuckle champion and all-around tough guy, has dropped out of Saturday night's 16-man, elimi-

ation boxing tournament with a thumb injury,

Savage, a main attraction during the month-

long media blitz touting the tournament in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, had insisted he would

take the \$1 million winner's purse "on sheer strength and brutality." Others said Smith "woke up" to what professional boxing is like.

Talks between the NHL and its striking on-

Andre Agassi has entered the Australian

Louise Karlsson, 19, Sweden's top swimmer,

John Stiegderwald in the Pittsburgh Post-

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rather watch bowling than hockey says a lot more about Americans than it does about

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Open in January, tournament officials said in

will miss the short course world championships next month because of a shoulder joint injury

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A British consulate spokeswoman said the six would return to the prison to sign their release papers, then go to police headquarters to retrieve their passports and fly back to England on Nearly 200 English fans were detained Nov. 3

following a disturbance at a hotel in Istanhul. hours before Manchester United was eliminated by the local club Galatasaray in the European Champions' Cup tournament The six men were jailed, while the rest were

 Striker Niall Quinn, a key player in Ireiand's march to the 1994 World Cup finals, may not be able to play in the tournament in the United

States because of a severe knee injury.

Quinn's English club, Manchester City, said
Tuesday the 27-year-old forward was had torn ligaments and could be sidelined for at least eight

Quinn hurt his knee just before halftime of a 3-1 loss at home to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. Exploratory surgery Monday revealed the problem to be the same injury that put England's Paul Gascoigne out of action for 16 months three (AP, Reuters)

## Hunt's Legacy:

James Hunt's last request was that his friends should have a party with £5,000 (\$7,400) he had set aside for a wake, his

15, at age 45, left instructions for the funds to go to his brother, Peter, for him to arrange a wake "in the style be knows would wish."

wake had already been held privately.

## Going in Style

will published Tuesday showed.

Peter Hunt, an accountant, said the



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Stan Humphries, making his first standing collegiate football player.

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Hunt, who earned a wild and glamorous image during his career, won the Formula One title in 1976 and three years later retired with a multi-millionpound fortune. But the will showed that just £376,900 (\$557,600) remained of an estate worth £1.23 million before tax and deht repayments. The money was left to his partner and his two small children.

#### urging of Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and some owners who were impressed with the leader of its proposal, J. Wayne Weaver. The best known member of the Deron Cherry.

When the owners adjourned last month, St. Louis was thought to be the favorite because the NFL wanted at least one city that previously had had a team to get an expansion franchise.

St. Louis lost the Cardinals to Phoenix in 1989 and Baltimore lost the Colts to Indianapolis in 1984. The Jaguars, like the Panthers. will pay a \$140 million fee to enter the league.
"I think the city, for one, and the

husiness community in Jacksonville really did a tremendous joh of getting back into the picture," Cherry said. "But I think the rea-son why is Wayne Weaver. The people of Jacksonville deserve this. They really supported football over the years, and now they get their

When the owners selected Charlotte on Oct. 26 and adjourned without picking a second franchise, it was assumed that the delay was to give the owners time to evaluate the new St. Louis owner, Stan Kroenke.

But since then, Baltimore got a new ownership group headed by Alfred Lerner, a part owner of the Cleveland Browns, a move that could have won him a bloc of support from "old-guard" teams. With the problems they had in

St. Louis and Baltimore with the ownership groups, for whatever reason, kind of cleared the way," Cherry said. Jacksonville is ranked No. 56

among television markets, the low-est of all hidders. It ranks just behind Charleston, West Virginia, and ahead of Fresno, California. The Jaguars will be northern Florida's first professional franchise. College sports, particularly football, are popular in northern Florida and southeastern Georgia.

Jacksonville had franchises in the former World Football League in the 1970s and the now-defunct United States Football League in the 1980s. The Bulls led the USFL in attendance. E Chargers Find Cure: Colts

## **NFL Awards** Franchise to Jacksonville

ROSEMONT. Illinois — Jack-sonville, Florida, the longest shot in the field when expansion discussions started, was awarded the 2011 sions started, was awarded the 30th in a 31-0 romp over the Indianapo-National Football League fran-chise on Tuesday and will begin need of winning. The Associated play in 1995 as the Jaguars. Press reported.

Jacksonville beat out Baltimore, Memphis. Tennessee, and St. Lousis, Missouri, for the final spot in the new alignment. Five weeks ago, the passes for 171 yards in the first half. owners awarded Charlotte. North for 81 yards on the visiting Char-Carolina, the 29th franchise, which will be known as the Carolina Pan-

The Jaguars will play in the renovated Gator Bowl.

The decision came on the first hallot. Needing 21 votes, threequarters of the league membership. Jacksonville received 26. The Phila- Jefferson's longest reception and delphia Eagles voted for Baltimore his first touchdown of the year. and the New England Patriots voted for St. Louis.

For the game, Humphries was 16 of 25 with no interceptions and no Jacksonville was such a longshot sacks. San Diego, the AFC West chamthat at one point during the summer it actually dropped out of the

pion a year ago, has been beset by hidding process. It reapplied at the injuries this season and had lost five of its past seven games. The Colts have lost four straight

Monday night, and hit five straight

That 97-yard drive was San Diego's longest of the season, while a

39-yard TD pass to Shawn Jeffer-

son on the second play of the sec-ond quarter was Humphries's long-

est completion this season.

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and seven of their last eight. They also lost the ball on an interception, and twice on fumbles, Jacksonville group is the former with one setting up the Chargers Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro safety third touchdown, on a 1-yard run

by Marion Butts on the first play of the fourth quarter. The interception by Stanley Richard, of a pass by running back Anthony Johnson, stopped Indianapolis threat at the San Diego 3 in

the first quarter. The Chargers gained 474 yards to 262 for the Colts, who now have gone nine straight quarters without

■ West Virginia: More Sugar After an emotional but unsuc-

cessful lobbying effort to be voted into a game against the No. 1 team in the nation, West Virginia University is prepared to decline an invitation to the Cotton Bowl in favor of a trip to the Sugar Bowl, a college fontball game against a low-er-ranked opponent but with a check that is more than \$1 million larger, The New York Times re

"Unless there's something ont there that I don't understand, West Virginia will be extended the bid and will accept." Mike Tranghese, the commissioner of the Big East Conference, said Tuesday.

He said he had been told that the West Virginia administration had informed Cotton Bowl officials that the school preferred to play in New Orleans against the winner of Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game between Alabama and Florida, rather than meeting Southwest Conference champion Texas A&M in Dallas.

The Sugar Bowl awards each participant more than \$4.1 million, compared to the Cotton Bowl's payout of \$3.1.

If West Virginia follows through on its plan, Notre Dame, which had anticipated a Sugar Bowl invita-tion, would be left with no choice but a return to the Cotton Bowl for a second consecutive game against Texas A&M. Two days after turning in the

most spectacular performance of his spectacular career, Florida State's slippery, slide-away quar-terhack, Charlie Ward, won the Walter Camp award as the out-

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## Keeping Up With 'Gat'

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — It is astonishing how much there is to keep up with, and how little time there is to do it. A few people - President Clinton comes to mind - seem able to keep up with everything but everybody else has to say, "Sor-

ry, dear Loui, but life is too short." I pick Loni at random as a human metaphor for all those things I am unable to keep up with because of the time shortage. I might just as well have picked the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations.

I have been not keeping up with GATT, always pronounced "Gat," since 1972. That year when somebody told me I "ought to get a good grip on Gat," I laughed. It was hard to believe that anything called Gar could last long enough to justify the exertions needed to get a grip on it.

Well, here it is 1993, and Gat is still with us, or at least with the Uruguayans, poor devils. Do I feei like a bad sport for refusing to honor Gat now by promising to keep up with it from now on?

Not at all. If I had spent those years keeping up with Gat I proba-bly wouldn't have had time to keep up with Burt, which brings us back to Loni. For months Loni's name has filled the celebrity journals, al-ways in tandem with Burt's.

Thanks to my refusal to keep up with Gat, I know that Burt is the movie actor Burt Reynolds, who once seemed likely to be the new Clark Gable but had to settle for TV sitcom stardom after Hollywood failed to turn up a new Spen-

Of what use was a new Clark Gable without a new Spencer Tracy to keep teaching the new Clark Gable burnlity in picture after picture?

Of course, after Burt Reynolds failed to become the new Clark Gable, keeping up with him turned out to be as big a mistake as not keeping up with Gat had been, but at least you didn't have to stand around at parties saying "Gat" out loud.

On the other hand, having wasted time keeping up with Burt, I have oo trouble saying, "Sorry, Loni, but I'm storing you back in the empty part of the skull with Gat."

There are some things I'd really like to keep up with but cannot

because of a personal defect. This is the same defect that made it so hard to keep up with college chemistry that I had to drop the course

after two weeks. Michael Jackson, for instance, is as tough for me as college chemistry. Lately, with so much news about his mysterious global journeying, I feel obliged at least to fake a show of interest in this monumentally vital story, but it simply

doesn't work. While trying to keep up with Jackson I did manage to learn that he was either sexually abused in childhood or has been accused of sexually abusing children. This may have been why I seem completely

powerless to keep up with him. Unfortunately, present-day literature, social workers and the media have persuaded me that child abuse is practically universal these days. Jackson's case would probably be more engaging if he were to be exposed as one of those rare Americans who are oeither abusers nor

This brings us to the "information superhighway," an odious term if there ever was one. All it means is that unless you want to feel as antique as spats you will soon have to re-mortgage the house to buy more electronic gadgets that do things you don't need done but which you can't resist doing anyhow because every-body else will be doing them.

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This sounds almost as incomprehensible as professional football, with which I have been keeping up for years, which suggests a way to make room in life for the informa-

tion superhighway.

Hasn't professional football become dulier than RAM and ROM since it quit being about the Giants, Packers and the Baltimore Colts and expanded to 850 teams? So long, pulled hamstrings; hello, digital nightmare!

New York Times Service

## Jazz in Marciac: Free-Trade Bellwether?

International Herald Tribune

P ARIS — Europe gave the world jazz festivals. They began in, of all places, Poland in the late '40s and grew into major tourist attractions in the '60s and '70s in such unlikely places as Montreux, The Hagne, Pori, Finland,

Styles and presentation may vary, but they have one thing in common. They are all subsidized to some degree by the public sector on local, regional and/or state levels. One of the best, "Jazz in Marciac" in the Gers region in southwestern France, receives support from the Ministry of Culture, the Conseil Général du Gers, the Conseil Regional Midi Pyrénées and the local chamber of commerce, plus corporate sponsors.

The Gers is a beautiful out-of-the-way region known for its food, foie gras in particular, and fine wines like Côtes Saint-Mont. The festival's organizers boast that with 05.5 million franc budget (oearly \$1 million), it is one of the most important cultural attractions in their region. Except for three secretaries, none of the staff is salaried. The president and founder Jean-Louis Guilhaumon, 45. headmaster of the local high school, thanks the late American expatriate trumpeter Bill Coleman, who lived in the neighboring village of Cadeilhan, for helping them get started as a Dixieland festival in 1978.

This is a fairy tale: Provincial people turning their remote province into a center on their own terms by investing their time and energy in a deprived art form they love even though it is not from their own culture. They take great care not to "ruin" their village, population

The small farms and vineyards around Marciac are owned and run by the kind of people the French government claims GATT would burt. The jazz festival attracts 70,000 visitors for a week in August. Most of them drink the area's excellent wine — Vintage Oscar Peterson, Stan Getz, Lionel Hampton, etc. — and all of them eat. Is this not an indirect subsidy? If the French government, recently accused of being anti-American, cannot subsidize its own farmers will subsidies for a small American art form also disappear? Will France be willing to continue to support American jazz while forbidden to protect its own film industry? Just about all French festivals feature mostly Americans. In Marciac, oo exception, the leaders bring their own sidemen. Because of a combination of bad marketing by the French and American work-permit regu-lations the reverse is next to impossible for world-class French musicians.

The oumber of American jazz festivals has been growing, thanks to the European example. Now we come to a new level of influence: jumelage (twinning) as proclaimed in Marciac in two languages on Nov. 6: "Once upon a time there were two little villages, twin brothers, so united in their love of jazz that they were known as Jazz in Marciac and Jazz Aspen at Snowmass. Their union sealed today is a true story, symbolic and brotherly, a story of music and friendship."

Snowmass, population 1,500, is a village next door to Aspen, Colorado. The document is signed by Guilhaumon, the mayors of both "little villages" and James Horowitz, president of Jazz Aspen, who passed through Paris on his way to the ceremony. Horowitz is a talkative man with a lot of energy who apparently does not suffer from jet lag. He was so inspired when he first visited Marciac as Monty Alexander's agent and manager in 1989



James Horowitz, president of Jazz Aspen: Once upon a time there were two little villages.

that he invested "hideous amounts of money and time" to get Jazz Aspen off the ground in 1991.

"Marciac took my breath away," he said. "I wasn't prepared for how good it was on all levels the quality of management, their attention to detail, the beautiful location, their tremendous regional pride, plus their obvious love for the music and of course the wonderful food."

Marciac is in Gascony, the land of the Three Musketeers. The citizens are open and warm, southern and welcoming. It's not a place you pass through to get anywhere else so they figure that if you're there, it's because you want to be. And they want to make you welcome. There is dancing in the bullring after the concerts until dawn. They open their 12th-century church to gospel and spiritual music concerts. In their museum, Le Territoire du Jazz, you go from room to room wearing carphones watching videos recounting the history of jazz from gospel to hebop. Is all of this not a beliwether of free

For Horowitz, who had wanted to start a festival for years, Marciac was "a lighthouse, a beacon. It was a place nobody ever heard of, a nontounstic village off the beaten path. I thought that if they could do it why can't I do it in Aspen? Twinning the two festivals takes Aspen out of the realm of being just another jazz festival. Last year we turned the corner after moving to Snowmass, where the atmosphere was more welcoming. We hold our concerts in

a tent like Marciac's and we tip our hat by calling it Le

Cirque du Jazz." . Although Aspen had a tradition of support for the arts, jazz was not part of it as in France. Horowitz calls France "jazz crazy since World War II." Both siblings avoid fusion (Chick Corea plays acoustic only) and the avantgarde. Both program theme mights — the blues, a tribute to Billie Hohday, post-bop, etcetera. They try to present the same acts. The Modern Jazz Quartet played both in 1991, Michel Petrucciani played Marciac in 1992, Aspen this year. They both like exclusivity — the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra led by Wynton Marsalis came to Europe for the first time for Marciac only.

Next year Jazz Aspen (end of June) and Jazz in Marciac (Ang. 8 to 15) will exchange delegations, with the mayors, sponsors, directors and staff visiting each other. "The thing I learned from Marciac," Horowitz said, "is the way they use their regional personality to infuse structure to their events. We do that in Aspen, even though the regions are very different.

Aspen thrives on tomism, it's good at hosting people. My dream was that Aspen would help Americans discover Marciac, which is happening. Marciac has been written up in the U. S. press. It would be wonderful if the same public could become part of both festivals. What can happen over a period of time is that a real relationship can develop where people in the two communities get to know each other through their common love."

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Creative accounting, Hollywood-style? Even though the 1989 blockhuster movie "Batman" took in \$1.2 billion, it is still losing \$13 million on paper, according to a lawyer for an independent company suing Warner Bros. Tom Girardi, representing Batfilm Productions, which acquired the rights to the comic book superhero, charged that Warner was using dubious accounting practices to deprive it of money. The Los Angeles civil case is the latest in a series of suits dealing with Hollywood accounting practices.

Eton College, the educational cra-dle of Britain's ruling class, has announced the appointment of the first foreign headmaster since its founding in 1440. John Lewis, 51, a New Zealand classicist who once taught at Eton, will replace Eric Anderson, who retires next year.

Victor Vasarely, a champion of the Op Art movement, has returned his French Legion of Honor award in a dispute over his art foundation in the southern city of Aix-en-Provence. In an open letter to President François Mitterrand, the 88-yearinter said the government had failed to act to stop what he called embezziement and misappropria tion of some of his works. He is engaged in a legal battle between his family and the foundation over control of his works.

Jerusine Jackson has threat-ened to sue the London Daily Express for \$200 million if it does not retract an article that quoted him as saying he doubted the innocence of his brother, Michael, on allegations of child molestation. Jermaine the paper. "It is false. And it is wrong. And they will pay," he said.

The pop singer Meat Load, victim of a theft at a Paris airport, has offered \$1,000 for the recovery of a bag containing his papers and credit cards. It was unclear whether the cards carried the name Meat Loaf or his real name of Marvin Lee Adley.

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